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5 January 2018

Daniel Lucap  
#R69190  
P.O. Box 112  
Joliet, IL 60434

**Re: NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST**  
**FOIA FILE NO.: P437526**

Dear Mr. Lucap,

This notice is in response to your request received by the Chicago Police Department for records and information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 ILCS 140 *et seq.* Upon review by the undersigned, it was determined that you are seeking:

"I hereby request: Mainframe Complaint Registry history of CPD officers: 1. D. Feltman #20613, 2. P. Donovan #20706, 3. Steve Bocconcelli #20832, 4. R. Yawger #20853, 5. A. Giralamo #20780."

Your request was reviewed by the undersigned. Your request was interpreted as a request for the complete investigative and CR files related to the two named individuals. Given the scope of your request, processing such a request would be unduly burdensome as written. FOIA provides in 5 ILCS 140/3(g) that requests for all records falling within a category shall be complied with unless compliance with the request would be unduly burdensome for the complying public body and there is no way to narrow the request and the burden on the public body outweighs the public interest in the information. Providing all of the files you are requesting constitutes 97 CR files, in addition to the investigative files related to the court case you name. Many CR files are more than 100 pages in length, and the shortest are about 20 pages in length. The total page count of 97 CR files, even assuming each of those files numbered only 20 pages in length, would constitute more than 1,900 pages of responsive documents require substantial collection, redaction, and review of documents. Even assuming that CPD could review and compile the responsive documents based on the aforementioned search, this task represents an unduly burdensome request for action.

Based on past requests, it would be reasonable to expect a trained FOIA officer to take at least two minutes to review one page of responsive documents. More than 1,900 pages of responsive documentation would require at least 63 hours. These facts, paired with the short response time allowed by FOIA, make the task of identifying, collecting, and reviewing potentially responsive records in a timely manner unduly burdensome upon CPD. As a result, CPD has determined that compliance with your request is unduly burdensome and that CPD's burden to process your request outweighs the public's interest.

At this time your request *as currently written* has been interpreted as unduly burdensome. It should be emphasized that the Act neither requires nor allows CPD to speculate as to the details of any request; this information can only be provided by the petitioner. Pursuant to section 3(g) of FOIA, we would like to extend to you an opportunity to modify your request to make it more manageable. Unless and until a new FOIA request is submitted that specifies what records you are seeking, CPD will be unable to process your petition. CPD encourages you to review your request to ascertain the details of your query, such as relevant dates or types of incidents. Once this is determined, a new FOIA request can be submitted to CPD, specifying the records you would like CPD to provide.

If you require additional assistance, feel free to contact this office.

You have the right to have a denial reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, 500 S. Second St., Springfield, IL 62706, (877)299-3642. You also have the right to seek judicial review of your denial by filing a lawsuit in the Cook county Circuit Court under 5 ILCS 140/11.

Sincerely,

R. Nisiewicz  
Freedom of Information Act Officer

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3 January 2018

Allen Robinson  
R67377  
Menard Correctional Center  
P.O. Box 1000  
Menard, Illinois 62259

Re: **NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST**  
**FOIA FILE NO.: P437621**

Dear Mr. Robinson,

This notice is in response to your request received by the Chicago Police Department for records and information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 ILCS 140 *et seq.* Upon review by the undersigned, it was determined that you are seeking:

*"Any complaints or misconduct made against any of these officer:*

*P.O. Zelig #5443  
P.O. Babich #13992  
P.O. John L. Folino Jr. #20143  
P.O. Timothy McDermott # 21084  
P.O. Williams #13182"*

Your request was reviewed by the undersigned. Your request was interpreted as a request for the complaint register (CR) files related to the five named individuals. Given the scope of your request, processing such a request would be unduly burdensome as written. FOIA provides in 5 ILCS 140/3(g) that requests for all records falling within a category shall be complied with unless compliance with the request would be unduly burdensome for the complying public body and there is no way to narrow the request and the burden on the public body outweighs the public interest in the information. Providing all of the files you are requesting constitutes 137 CR files. Many CR files are more than 100 pages in length, and the shortest are about 20 pages in length. The total page count of 137 CR files, even assuming each of those files numbered only 20 pages in length, would constitute more than 2700 pages of responsive documents require substantial collection, redaction, and review of documents. Even assuming that CPD could review and compile the responsive documents based on the aforementioned search, this task represents an unduly burdensome request for action.

Based on past requests, it would be reasonable to expect a trained FOIA officer to take at least two minutes

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to review one page of responsive documents. More than 2700 pages of responsive documentation would require at least 90 hours. These facts, paired with the short response time allowed by FOIA, make the task of identifying, collecting, and reviewing potentially responsive records in a timely manner unduly burdensome upon CPD. As a result, CPD has determined that compliance with your request is unduly burdensome and that CPD's burden to process your request outweighs the public's interest.

At this time your request *as currently written* has been interpreted as unduly burdensome. It should be emphasized that the Act neither requires nor allows CPD to speculate as to the details of any request; this information can only be provided by the petitioner. Pursuant to section 3(g) of FOIA, we would like to extend to you an opportunity to modify your request to make it more manageable. Unless and until a new FOIA request is submitted that specifies what records you are seeking, CPD will be unable to process your petition. CPD encourages you to review your request to ascertain the details of your query, such as relevant dates or types of incidents. Once this is determined, a new FOIA request can be submitted to CPD, specifying the records you would like CPD to provide.

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Sincerely,

Landon Karr  
Freedom of Information Act Officer

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January 12, 2017

**VIA E-MAIL**

Sunnie Pargo

██████████@americanretrieval.com

**Re: NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST**  
**REQUEST DATE: January 11, 2018**  
**EXTENSION DUE: January 19, 2017**  
**FOIA FILE NO.: P437695**

Dear Ms. Pargo:

The Chicago Police Department (CPD) is in receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request stating:

*"Any and all employment records relating to Vincent Celio DOB: \*/\*\*/1978, including but not limited to all employee applications, personnel file, wage & earnings records, lost wage records, W-2 records, attendance records, performance & appraisal records, accident reports, medical records, compensation records, insurance records, correspondence memoranda, & employment records of any nature for any and all time periods...employee ██████████"*

Your request has been reviewed by the undersigned.

A request for "any and all records..." is unduly burdensome pursuant to Section 3(g).

The FOIA provides in 5 ILCS 140/3(g) that requests for all records falling within a category shall be complied with unless compliance with the request would be unduly burdensome for the complying public body and there is no way to narrow the request and the burden on the public body outweighs the public interest in the information.

Please be advised that because you seek any and all records, on top of the above mentioned items, CPD cannot ensure that "any all records" that you may be seeking is produced because of the large scope of your request; moreover, some of these items could potentially include a myriad of documents that would be exempt from disclosure. In addition to the portion of your request seeking "any and all records...", you are also requesting 14 additional records, and you didn't specify a year or years to search.

Assuming, *arguendo*, that CPD could review and compile the responsive documents based on the aforementioned search, based on the amount of responsive documents for this request, it would be reasonable to expect it to take an estimated minimum of 3 to 4 business weeks (105 to 140 business hours) to copy all necessary records, review all of these responsive documents and redact information that is exempt from disclosure, then scan all documents into an accessible pdf file(s). Note: This timeframe is based on FOIA Officers' previous experience with similar requests, and the magnitude of the items within this request. This does not include the timeframe it would take to first receive these records from all other CPD units. Please be advised the FOIA does not maintain these files and would have to request said information from the collaborating sections, i.e., Human Resources (HR), HR Administration, Bureau of Patrol, Information Services Division, etc. This one request, from beginning to completion, could take over a month, which would not allow for a FOIA officer to complete any other requests.

**As your request is currently written, it has been determined to be unduly burdensome and that CPD's burden to process your request outweighs the public's interest.** In light of the sheer volume of responsive documentation, your request requires narrowing. Pursuant to section 3(g) of FOIA, we would like to extend to you an opportunity to modify your request to make it more manageable. Unless, and until, a new FOIA request is submitted, CPD will be unable to process your request. CPD

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encourages you to review your request to ascertain the details of your query, such as specific dates or parties. For such a request, you could also narrow it to the personnel file only—a lot of the information you seek may be within such a file. Once this is determined, a new and revised FOIA request can be submitted to CPD.

If you would like assistance in narrowing your request, please contact FOIA. If you require additional assistance, feel free to contact this office as well. If you agree to narrow your request, you must submit a revised written request to the address below:

Chicago Police Department  
Attention: Freedom of Information  
Office of Legal Affairs, Unit 114  
3510 S. Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60653

The Chicago Police Department will take no further action or send you any further correspondence unless and until your current request is narrowed in writing. If we do not receive your narrowed request within fourteen (14) calendar days of the date of this letter, your current request will be denied. In the event that we do not receive a narrowed request and your current FOIA request is therefore denied, you will have a right of review by the Illinois Attorney General's Public Access Counselor, who can be contacted at the address below:

Public Access Counselor, Office of the Attorney General, 500 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706,  
Phone: 312-814-5526 or 1-877-299-FOIA (1-877-299-3642), Fax: 217-782-1396, E-mail: [publicaccess@atg.state.il.us](mailto:publicaccess@atg.state.il.us)

*If you choose to file a Request for Review with the PAC, you must do so within 60 calendar days of the date of a denial letter. 5 ILCS 140-9.5(a). When filing a Request for Review, you must include a copy of the original FOIA request and a denial letter. You may also seek judicial review of a denial under 5 ILCS 140/11 by filing a lawsuit in the State Circuit Court.*

Sincerely,



G. Johnson, FOIA Officer  
Freedom of Information Section  
Chicago Police Department  
Legal Affairs



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Superintendent of Police

8 January 2018

Jerry Tripp  
N23595  
Menard C. C.  
PO Box 1000  
Menard, IL 62259

**RE: NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST**  
**FOIA FILE NO.: P437704**

Dear Mr. Tripp:

The Chicago Police Department (CPD) is in receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. In it, you request:

*"...pending matters and matters settled, dismissed, etc...Chicago Police Department Officer John Frank was named a defendant or witness."*

CPD interpreted your request as seeking complaint registers (CR) lodged against and involving the sworn officer aforementioned. The search resulted in over 600 pages in aggregate.

Compliance with your request is unduly burdensome; your request would require CPD to identify, compile, and review data from number of years of CRs that are not stored in a central location. Also, a review of the potential responsive records would require an overwhelming number of hours to complete. The short response time allowed by the FOIA makes the task of identifying, collecting, and reviewing potentially responsive records in a timely manner unduly burdensome upon CPD. As a result, CPD has determined that compliance with your request is unduly burdensome and that CPD's burden to process your request outweighs the public's interest. It is necessary that your FOIA request be narrowed and clarified. CPD is unable to respond to your FOIA request as currently drafted.

Regarding your request for complaint register files against the above referenced officer – CPD is required to consider an officer's entire CR history when responding to FOIA requests. Producing an officer's entire CR history would involve much more documentation and require considerably more time to review, and may be unduly burdensome to process. Please bear in mind FOIA provides in 5 ILCS 140/3(g) that requests for all records falling within a category shall be complied with unless compliance with the request would be unduly burdensome for the complying public body and there is no way to narrow the request and the burden on the public body outweighs the public interest in the information.

If you agree to narrow your request, you must submit a revised written request. You may consider requesting the CR inventory log summaries or the CR digests in order to narrow your request. If you agree, please submit a revised written request to: Chicago Police Department, Attention: Freedom of Information, Office of Legal Affairs, Unit 114, 3510 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60653

You have the right to have a denial reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, 500 South 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706, Phone: (877) 299-3642, Fax: 217-782-1396, E-mail: [publicaccess@atg.state.il.us](mailto:publicaccess@atg.state.il.us). You also have the right to seek judicial review by filing a lawsuit in Cook County Court.

Sincerely,

M. Acosta  
Freedom of Information Act Officer

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25 January 2018

Robert Barnes  
B-31414  
Stateville Correctional Center  
P.O. Box 112  
Joliet, IL 60434

**Re: NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST**  
**FOIA FILE NO.: P438026**

Dear Mr. Barnes,

This notice is in response to your request received by the Chicago Police Department on 9 January 2017 for the following records and information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 ILCS 140 *et seq*:

*"...From the day of hiring until the day of my trial I would like all discipline and complain made against Det. Wilborn."*

Your request was reviewed by the undersigned. Your request was interpreted as a request for the complete investigative and CR files related to the two named individuals. Given the scope of your request, processing such a request would be unduly burdensome as written. FOIA provides in 5 ILCS 140/3(g) that requests for all records falling within a category shall be complied with unless compliance with the request would be unduly burdensome for the complying public body and there is no way to narrow the request and the burden on the public body outweighs the public interest in the information. Providing all of the files you are requesting constitutes 34 CR files, in addition to the investigative files related to the court case you name. Many CR files are more than 100 pages in length, and the shortest are about 20 pages in length. The total page count of 34 CR files, even assuming each of those files numbered only 20 pages in length, would constitute more than 680 pages of responsive documents require substantial collection, redaction, and review of documents. Even assuming that CPD could review and compile the responsive documents based on the aforementioned search, this task represents an unduly burdensome request for action.

Based on past requests, it would be reasonable to expect a trained FOIA officer to take at least three minutes to review one page of responsive documents. More than 680 pages of

responsive documentation would require at least 34 hours. These facts, paired with the short response time allowed by FOIA, make the task of identifying, collecting, and reviewing potentially responsive records in a timely manner unduly burdensome upon CPD. As a result, CPD has determined that compliance with your request is unduly burdensome and that CPD's burden to process your request outweighs the public's interest.

At this time your request *as currently written* has been interpreted as unduly burdensome. It should be emphasized that the Act neither requires nor allows CPD to speculate as to the details of any request; this information can only be provided by the petitioner. Pursuant to section 3(g) of FOIA, we would like to extend to you an opportunity to modify your request to make it more manageable. Unless and until a new FOIA request is submitted that specifies what records you are seeking, CPD will be unable to process your petition. CPD encourages you to review your request to ascertain the details of your query, such as relevant dates or types of incidents. Once this is determined, a new FOIA request can be submitted to CPD, specifying the records you would like CPD to provide.

If you require additional assistance, feel free to contact this office.

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Sincerely,

R. Nisiewicz  
Freedom of Information Act Officer

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January 26, 2018

**Via Email:**

Mike Miner

[mminer@chicagoreader.com](mailto:mminer@chicagoreader.com)

**RE: NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST**  
**FOIA FILE NO.: P438078**

Dear Mr. Miner:

This notice is in response to your request received by the Chicago Police Department for the following records and information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 ILCS 140 *et seq.*

*"1. Police files or records that concern the murder of Marilyn Dods on September 20, 1981, in her apartment in the 500 block of West Arlington Place. This murder was not solved at the time. It became a cold case and was resolved in 2007 when a DNA match identified the killer as a Clarence Trotter. He was tried and convicted.*

*I am particularly interested in files and records that reflect the police's interest in the suspect [REDACTED] arrested in 1983. [REDACTED] ultimately was excluded on grounds that he'd been in a navy brig at the time of the Dods murder, but he did confess to two other similar murders (one of them of a Faustina Gray on May 26, 1982, at [REDACTED]) and in 1985 was tried and convicted of the murder of Marybeth Duncavage on August 4, 1982, in her home at [REDACTED]*

*I recently interviewed Bob Clemens, the cold case detective--now retired--who ultimately broke the Dods case. He was of help, but advised me that an FOIA would be a better way of getting my questions answered--which concern the sequence of events that saw Jackson emerge as a prime suspect in 1983 and eventually be rejected."*

As permitted by 5 ILCS 140/3(e), the time was extended in order to conduct a thorough search for these records. The search for the identified responsive records consisted of 601 pages. Please be advised that it has been determined your request is unduly burdensome based on the number of records requested. Each page would have to be reviewed for exempt material, and assuming that this process would take 2 minutes per page, it would take personnel trained in FOIA more than 20 hours to fulfill this request, which is not inclusive of the time necessary to retrieve the documents, to the exclusion of all other tasks. The short response time allowed by the FOIA makes the task of reviewing and redacting the responsive records in a timely manner unduly burdensome upon CPD. As a result, CPD has determined that compliance with your request is unduly burdensome on the daily operations of CPD and that CPD's burden to process your request outweighs the public's interest.



Pursuant to section 3(g) of the FOIA, we would like to extend to you an opportunity to modify your request to make it more manageable. If you do not reduce the request, it will be treated as a denial.

CPD will take no further action or send you any further correspondence unless and until your current request is narrowed in writing. If we do not receive your narrowed request within fourteen (14) calendar days of the date of this letter, your current request will be denied.

You have the right to have a denial reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, 500 S. Second St., Springfield, IL 62706, (877)299-3642. You also have the right to seek judicial review of your denial by filing a lawsuit in the Cook county Circuit Court.

If I can be of further assistance, you may contact me at (312) 745-5308.

Sincerely,

A. Marlan  
Freedom of Information Act Officer  
Chicago Police Department  
Office of Legal Affairs, Unit 114  
3510 S. Michigan Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60653



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January 30, 2018

Dartrell P. Nellem  
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PO Box 089002  
Chicago, IL 60608

**RE: NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST**  
**FOIA FILE NO.: P438248**

Dear Dartrell Nellem:

This notice is in response to your request received by the Chicago Police Department for the following records and information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 ILCS 140 *et seq*:

*"CR1685301: Arrest Report, Supplement Report, Felony Complaint, Preliminary Hearing Transcript, Indictment Transcripts, Any other reports not mentioned."*

The search for the responsive records within the provided parameters consisted of 708 pages. Please be advised that it has been determined your request is unduly burdensome based on the number of records requested. Each page would have to be reviewed for exempt material, and assuming that this process would take 2 minutes per page, it would take personnel trained in FOIA more than 23 hours to fulfill this request, which is not inclusive of the time necessary to retrieve the documents, to the exclusion of all other tasks. The short response time allowed by the FOIA makes the task of reviewing and redacting the responsive records in a timely manner unduly burdensome upon CPD. As a result, CPD has determined that compliance with your request is unduly burdensome on the daily operations of CPD and that CPD's burden to process your request outweighs the public's interest.

Pursuant to section 3(g) of the FOIA, we would like to extend to you an opportunity to modify your request to make it more manageable. If you do not reduce the request, it will be treated as a denial.

CPD will take no further action or send you any further correspondence unless and until your current request is narrowed in writing. If we do not receive your narrowed request within fourteen (14) calendar days of the date of this letter, your current request will be denied.

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If I can be of further assistance, you may contact me at (312) 745-5308.

Sincerely,

A. Marlan  
Freedom of Information Act Officer  
Chicago Police Department  
Office of Legal Affairs, Unit 114  
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January 19, 2018

Kenneth Daugherty, #N61174  
P.O. Box 1327  
Galesburg, IL 61401

**RE: NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST**  
**REQUEST DATE: January 12, 2018**  
**FOIA FILE NO.: P438320**

Dear Kenneth Daugherty:

The Chicago Police Department (CPD) is in receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request seeking the following:

I am writing under the FOIA ACT to request any and (ALL) the files and names of all the Chicago police department officer's that were involved in the John Burge torture case's or any other case's inwhich they were named. Also I am requesting a copy of any and all Disciplinary history reports and complaint reports and criminal history reports.

Your request was reviewed by the undersigned. We interpret your request to be a four-part request:

- 1) Any and all the files and names of all the Chicago Police Department Officers that were involved in the John Burge torture cases or any other cases in which they were names.
- 2) A copy of any and all disciplinary history reports
- 3) A copy of any and all complaint reports
- 4) A copy of any and all criminal history reports.

In regards to all four parts of your request, those are denied since we consider this unduly burdensome. Given the broad scope of your request, processing one portion, or all four portions, of your request is considered unduly burdensome as written. FOIA provides in 5 ILCS 140/3(g) that requests for all records falling within a category shall be complied with unless compliance with the request would be unduly burdensome for the complying public body and there is no way to narrow the request and the burden on the public body outweighs the public interest in the information.

Your request provides no timeframe, no specific officer names, no officer star numbers, and/or complaint record numbers for any of the four portions listed above. Therefore, based on the scope of this request, the absence of a defined timeframe, and the absence of officer names, or complaint numbers—all contribute substantially to a high number of records that your request encompasses. Given the number of records that might be responsive to this request, and the excessive amount of time to search and identify the records you seek based on the lack of proper information you have provided, it is burdensome. These facts, paired with the short response time allowed by FOIA, make the task of identifying, collecting, and reviewing potentially responsive records in a timely manner unduly burdensome upon the CPD. As a result, the CPD has determined that compliance with your request is unduly burdensome and that CPD's burden to process your request outweighs the public's interest.

FOIA provides in 5 ILCS 140/3(g) that requests for all records falling within a category shall be complied with unless compliance with the request would be unduly burdensome for the complying public body and there is no way to narrow the request and the burden on the public body outweighs the public interest in the information.


At this time, your request, as currently written, has been interpreted as unduly burdensome. It should be emphasized that the Act neither requires nor allows CPD to speculate as to the details of any request; this information can only be provided by the petitioner/requester. Pursuant to section 3(g) of FOIA, we would like to extend to you an opportunity to modify your request to make it more manageable. Therefore, as your FOIA request is currently written, the dedication of staff and/or resources is unduly burdensome on the daily operations of the Department pursuant to section 5 ILCS 140/3(g) of the Act.

If I can be of further assistance, you may contact me at (312) 745-5308, or by mail at the following address:

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Sincerely,

  
T. Jimenez  
Freedom of Information Act Officer  
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22 January 2018

Rachel Ryley  
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**RE: NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST**  
**FOIA FILE NO.: P438634**

Dear Ms. Ryley:

The Chicago Police Department (CPD) is in receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. In it, you request:

"Citations by citation number, issue date, officer of record and citation type; Date Range 1/1/2011 to 12/31/2015"

In consultation with the Bureau of Detectives, Research and Development- Analysis Section the request was deemed too large and would be unduly burdensome to fulfill. The FOIA provides in 5 ILCS 140/3(g) that requests for all records falling within a category shall be complied with unless compliance with the request would be unduly burdensome for the complying public body and there is no way to narrow the request and the burden on the public body outweighs the public interest in the information

For one year and under one parameter, it yielded over 68,000 records. The Research and Development- Analysis Section Staff would need to 1. Conduct numerous cross checks to ensure accuracy; 2. Manually process the information from data file form to the requested file; 3. There will be a need to scrub what is produced and ensure accuracy based on the query definition and formatting the records into the requested text which will result in over 40 hours of staff time; and 4. The estimation of production of the data will produce over one million records, for just one category, not including the filtering of the correct tables to ensure accuracy for the five year request.

At this time your request as currently written has been interpreted as unduly burdensome. Pursuant to section 3(g) of FOIA, we would like to extend to you an opportunity to modify your request to make it more manageable. Because this poses an undue burden on the daily operations of the CPD pursuant to Section 3(g) of FOIA, your current request based on the parameters provided will be denied.

If I can be of further assistance, please contact me at the following address:

Chicago Police Department  
Attention: Freedom of Information  
Office of Legal Affairs, Unit 114  
3510 S. Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60653

You have the right to have a denial reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, 500 S. Second St., Springfield, IL 62706, (877)299-3642. You also have the right to seek judicial review of your denial by filing a lawsuit in the Cook county Circuit Court under 5 ILCS 140/11.

Sincerely,

M. Acosta  
Freedom of Information Act Officer  
Department of Police



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**Eddie T. Johnson**  
Superintendent of Police

October 16, 2019

Terry Bridges  
#M48255  
PO Box 1000  
Menard, IL 62259

**Re: NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST**  
**FOIA FILE NO.: P438598**

Dear Terry Bridges,

This notice is in response to your request received by the Chicago Police Department for records and information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 ILCS 140 *et seq.* Upon review by the undersigned, it was determined that you are seeking:

*"Any and all police reports, arrest reports, rap sheets, 'street files', also known as office unit or working files, general progress notes, investigative files, any administrative memoranda, major crime worksheet, inventory slips, evidence technician reports prepared in connection with RD #HV243502 and case #12CR19610."*

Your request was reviewed by the undersigned. Given the scope of your request, CPD determined your request would be unduly burdensome as written. FOIA provides in 5 ILCS 140/3(g) that requests for all records falling within a category shall be complied with unless compliance with the request would be unduly burdensome for the complying public body and there is no way to narrow the request and the burden on the public body outweighs the public interest in the information. The total page count of this request constitutes more than 507 pages of responsive documents, which would require substantial collection, redaction, and review of documents. Even assuming that CPD could review and compile the responsive documents based on the aforementioned search, this task represents an unduly burdensome request for action.

Based on past requests, it would be reasonable to expect a trained FOIA officer to take at least two minutes to review one page of responsive documents. More than 507 pages of responsive documentation would require at least 17 hours to review, which is not inclusive of the time necessary to retrieve the documents, to the exclusion of all other tasks. These facts, paired with the short response time allowed by FOIA, make the task of identifying, collecting, and reviewing potentially responsive records in a timely manner unduly burdensome upon CPD. As a result, CPD has determined that compliance with your request is unduly burdensome and that CPD's burden to process your request outweighs the public's interest.

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If you require additional assistance, feel free to contact this office.

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Sincerely,

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[foia@chicagopolice.org](mailto:foia@chicagopolice.org)



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24 January 2018

Ahmad Poole  
#K95348  
PO Box 112  
Joliet, Illinois 60434

**Re: NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST**  
**FOIA FILE NO: P438600**

Dear Mr. Poole:

This notice is in response to your request received by the Chicago Police Department (CPD) for records and information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 ILCS 140 *et seq.* Upon review by the undersigned, it was determined that you are seeking:

1. "Any and all police reports (unredacted);"
2. "Any and all supplemental police reports (unredacted);"
3. "Any and all scientific reports (unredacted);"
4. "Any and all crime scene photos (in color);"
5. "Any and all line up records and photos (in color);"

Your request was reviewed by the undersigned. Please be advised that CPD cannot provide unredacted reports as all public bodies are mandated to properly redact all responsive records pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7(1). Any unredacted reports would need to be obtained through an attorney during the subpoena process.

CPD interpreted **Parts No. 1 – 4** to be for a complete file regarding a homicide. Compliance with **Parts No. 1 – 4** of your request is deemed unduly burdensome. **Parts No. 1 – 4** of your request would require CPD to compile a voluminous number of records as defined by 5 ILCS 140/2(h)(ii). Furthermore, once gathered and reproduced, these records would need to be individually inspected and all information exempt from release under 5 ILCS 140/7 would need to be redacted. Finally, for each of these reports, the Detective Division would need to be consulted in order to determine whether or not the release of these reports would interfere/obstruct with ongoing law enforcement investigations (exempt per §§ 5ILCS140/3(1)(d)(i), 3(1)(d)(vii)).

It would be reasonable to expect a trained FOIA officer to take at least two minutes to review one page of responsive documents. More than 600 pages of responsive documentation would require at least 20 hours. These facts, paired with the short response time allowed by FOIA, make the task of identifying, collecting, and reviewing responsive records in a timely manner unduly burdensome upon CPD. As a result, CPD has determined that compliance with your request is unduly burdensome and that CPD's burden to process your request outweighs the public's interest.

At this time your request *as currently written* has been interpreted as unduly burdensome. Unless and until a new FOIA request is submitted that narrows your request and significantly reduces the number of pages of responsive records, CPD will be unable to process **Parts Nos. 1 – 4** of your request.

With regard to **Part No. 5** of your request, Section 107A-2(i) of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 provides that the photographs, recordings, and official report of the lineup required by this Section shall be disclosed to counsel for the accused only as provided by the Illinois Supreme Court Rules regarding discovery and thus your request for line up photos and records is denied pursuant to Section 7(1)(a) of FOIA which allows a public body to withhold “[i]nformation specifically prohibited from disclosure by federal or State law or rules and regulations implementing federal or State law” (5 ILCS 140/7(1)(a)).

You have the right to have a denial reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, 500 S. Second St., Springfield, IL 62706, (877) 299-3642. You also have the right to seek judicial review of your denial by filing a lawsuit in the Cook county Circuit Court under 5 ILCS 140/11.

Sincerely,

Kendra Berry  
Freedom of Information Act Officer



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**Eddie.T. Johnson**  
Superintendent of Police

January 31, 2018

**Via Email:**

Sarah Komisarow

[\[REDACTED\]@duke.edu](mailto:[REDACTED]@duke.edu)

**RE: NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST**  
**FOIA FILE NO.: P438788**

Dear Sarah Komisarow:

This notice is in response to your request received by the Chicago Police Department for the following records and information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 ILCS 140 *et seq*:

*"I request a database of all reported crimes in Chicago from 2001-present – augmented with demographic information on victims and offenders. Specifically, I request data from CPD's CLEAR (Citizen Law Enforcement Analysis and Reporting) system with additional columns for victim age, victim gender, offender age, offender gender."*

As permitted by 5 ILCS 140/3(e), the time was extended in order to conduct a thorough search for these records. Please be advised that it has been determined your request is unduly burdensome to the CPD Research and Development Analysis Section based on the number of records requested. The Research and Development Analysis Section is interpreting "all reported crimes" as a Chicago Police Department Case Report and a reported crime to OEMC.

For the year 2016, there are 117,085 index crimes, which do not include all other crimes and the reported crimes to OEMC, which CPD does not maintain or hold. For this one year, the above index crime reports would generate more than 2 million data sets to discern even further for victim and offender demographics. Each of these records, for only one year, would require the Research and Development Analysis Section staff to conduct numerous cross checks to ensure validity, manually process the information from data file form to the requested file, review what is produced to ensure accuracy based on query definition, and format records into the requested text. For the year 2016, the Research and Development Analysis Section expects that this would take 160 hours of all staff time; furthermore, this request is seeking 18 years of data.

The request is too large and would require an unduly amount of manpower to fulfill. The short response

time allowed by the FOIA makes the task of reviewing and redacting the responsive records in a timely manner unduly burdensome upon CPD. As a result, CPD has determined that compliance with your request is unduly burdensome on the daily operations of CPD and that CPD's burden to process your request outweighs the public's interest.

Pursuant to section 3(g) of the FOIA, we would like to extend to you an opportunity to modify your request to make it more manageable. If you do not reduce the request, it will be treated as a denial.

CPD will take no further action or send you any further correspondence unless and until your current request is narrowed in writing. If we do not receive your narrowed request within fourteen (14) calendar days of the date of this letter, your current request will be denied.

You have the right to have a denial reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, 500 S. Second St., Springfield, IL 62706, (877)299-3642. You also have the right to seek judicial review of your denial by filing a lawsuit in the Cook county Circuit Court.

If I can be of further assistance, you may contact me at (312) 745-5308.

Sincerely,

A. Marlan  
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Chicago Police Department  
Office of Legal Affairs, Unit 114  
3510 S. Michigan Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60653



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Superintendent of Police

February 1, 2018

**VIA E-MAIL**

Camille Fassett

██████████@gmail.com

**Re: NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST**  
**REQUEST DATE: January 18, 2018**  
**EXTENSION DUE: January 25, 2018**  
**FOIA FILE NO.: P438847**

Dear Ms. Fassett:

The Chicago Police Department (CPD) is in receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request stating:

*"I hereby request the right to the following records:*

*All correspondence, including emails, contracts, agreements, and memoranda of understanding between the Chicago Police Department and the Anti-Defamation League (OR Anti Defamation League) between January 1, 2015 and the date this request is processed.*

*All Chicago Police Department records, including but not limited to policies, applications to trainings, meeting notes, briefings, and emails that include the terms "Anti-Defamation League," "Anti Defamation League," "National Counter-Terrorism Seminar," and National Counter Terrorism Seminar" between January 1, 2015 and the date this request is processed. Please run these terms as separate searches.*

*The names of all Chicago Police Department individuals that participated in Anti-Defamation League trainings, including but not limited to National Counter-Terrorism Seminars in Israel, between January 1, 2015 and the date this request is processed.*

*All of events or training plans by the Anti-Defamation League, including but not limited to National Counter-Terrorism Seminars in Israel, between January 1, 2015 and the date this request is processed.*

*I am requesting that you waive all applicable fees associated with this request as I believe this request is in the public interest and is not for commercial use. Release of this information is in the public interest because it will contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations and activities."*

Upon review by the undersigned, it was determined that you are seeking all records, for three years, pertaining to the Anti-Defamation League, that may be in the possession of CPD, which should include, but limited to, policies, applications to trainings, training documents, meeting notes, briefings, names of all CPD individuals that participated in Anti-Defamation League trainings, including but not limited to National Counter-Terrorism Seminars in Israel, as well as all events or training plans. Given the scope of your request, processing such a request would be unduly burdensome as written. FOIA provides in 5 ILCS 140/3(g) that requests for all records falling within a category shall be complied with unless compliance with the request would be unduly burdensome for the complying public body and there is no way to narrow the request and the burden on the public body outweighs the public interest in the information.

Because you are seeking all records that are associated with any information related to the Anti-Defamation League for at least 3 years, FOIA would have the consult with at least 8 sections: Finance (contracts and agreements), Public Safety Information Technology Section (PSIT) of Information Support Services (ISD) (e-mails), ISD (policies), Research & Development (policies, procedures, and training information), Bureau of Organizational Development (education and training for CPD personnel), Crime Control Strategies (events or training plans), Bureau of Patrol (events and names of all CPD individuals that participated in Anti-Defamation League trainings), Special Activities Section (information pertaining to civil rights/hate crime activities and organizations, applications for training), and Crime Prevention and Information Center (information pertaining to criminal and terrorists activity). Because of the different sections/unit that would need to be contacted, and the amount of documents that they may have, the responsive records *could be* well in the thousands, specifically considering that you requested an extensive e-mail search.

As indicated above, you requested e-mails, but did not specify the e-mail addresses to be searched. Therefore, FOIA interprets this as for CPD to search *all* CPD personnel's e-mail accounts for the following search terms: "Anti-Defamation League," "Anti Defamation League," "National Counter-Terrorism Seminar," and National Counter Terrorism Seminar" between January 1, 2015 and the date this request is processed. PSIT was able to run said search and has indicated that because you asked for similar search terms for all CPD, there is a total amount of 14,990 e-mails that mention one or all of the above search terms.

The scope of this FOIA request, as well as the separate points within this one request, contributes substantially to the number of records that your request encompasses. To the extent that CPD has all requested records, and to the extent that said records are not exempt under any FOIA stature, such a request could take an extended amount of time complete. Such a request could take multiple months to retrieve data, which doesn't include the timeframe to print and read said records, redact privileged information, and have the final products reviewed before dissemination. The timeframe that it would take to complete this one request would not allow for FOIA to complete other requests. Given the extraordinary number of items and records that may be responsive to your request, CPD has determined that compliance with your request is unduly burdensome and that CPD's burden to process your request outweighs the public's interest.

At this time your request as currently written has been interpreted as unduly burdensome. It should be emphasized that the Act neither requires nor allows CPD to speculate as to the details of any request; this information can only be provided by the petitioner. Pursuant to section 3(g) of FOIA, we would like to extend to you an opportunity to modify your request to make it more manageable. Unless and until a new FOIA request is submitted that specifies what records you are seeking, CPD will be unable to process your petition. CPD encourages you to review your request to ascertain the details of your query, such as relevant dates, parties, and search terms. Once this is determined, a new FOIA request can be submitted to CPD.

If you would like assistance in narrowing your request, please contact FOIA for assistance. If you require additional assistance, feel free to contact this office as well. If you agree to narrow your request, you must submit a revised written request to the address below:

Chicago Police Department  
Attention: Freedom of Information  
Office of Legal Affairs, Unit 114  
3510 S. Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60653


The Chicago Police Department will take no further action or send you any further correspondence unless and until your current request is narrowed in writing. If we do not receive your narrowed request within fourteen (14) calendar days of the date of this letter, your current request will be denied. In the event that we do not receive a narrowed request and your current FOIA request is therefore denied, you will have a right of review by the Illinois Attorney General's Public Access Counselor, who can be contacted at the address below:



Public Access Counselor  
Office of the Attorney General  
500 S. 2nd Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62706  
Phone: 312-814-5526 or 1-877-299-FOIA (1-877-299-3642)  
Fax: 217-782-1396 E-mail: [publicaccess@atg.state.il.us](mailto:publicaccess@atg.state.il.us)

*If you choose to file a Request for Review with the PAC, you must do so within 60 calendar days of the date of a denial letter. 5 ILCS 140-9.5(a). When filing a Request for Review, you must include a copy of the original FOIA request and a denial letter. You may also seek judicial review of a denial under 5 ILCS 140/11 by filing a lawsuit in the State Circuit Court.*

Sincerely,



K. Washington, FOIA Officer  
Freedom of Information Division  
Chicago Police Department  
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January 26, 2018

**Casey Toner**  
Email: [ctoner@bettergov.org](mailto:ctoner@bettergov.org)

Re: NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST  
REQUEST DATE: January 19, 2018  
FOIA FILE NO.: P439028

Dear Casey Toner:

The Chicago Police Department (CPD) is in receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests. You request:

*"This is Casey Toner with the Better Government Association with a request for records under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act.*

*Specifically, under FOIA I am requesting the following:*

*+Copies of any and all internal messaging system messages (for example, police/emergency responder messaging systems such as Notepage or LEMS), email drafts, emails sent and emails received by all employees and officials from Jan. 8, 2018 through Jan. 12, 2018 containing any of the following words: "Casey" "Toner" "Jared" "Rutecki" "Patrick Smith" "Taking Cover" "bettergov.org" "BGA" "WBEZ" "Better Government Association" "wbez.org" from Jan. 5, 2018 through Jan. 12, 2018. Please note that these search terms are not case-sensitive. As such, the search should not reflect the capitalization of these terms or the lack thereof.*

*+Copies of any and all internal messaging system messages (for example, police/emergency responder messaging systems such as Notepage or LEMS), email drafts, emails sent and emails received by all employees and officials from Jan. 8, 2018 through Jan. 12, 2018 containing any of the following web addresses:*

*<https://projects.bettergov.org/taking-cover/>*

*<https://projects.bettergov.org/taking-cover/no-discipline.html>*

*<https://projects.bettergov.org/taking-cover/little-oversight.html>*

*<https://projects.bettergov.org/taking-cover/deadly-force.html>*

*<https://projects.bettergov.org/taking-cover/revolving-door.html>*

<https://interactive.wbez.org/taking-cover/>

<http://interactive.wbez.org/taking-cover/zero-discipline/>

<http://interactive.wbez.org/taking-cover/oversight/>

<http://interactive.wbez.org/taking-cover/deadly-force/>

<http://interactive.wbez.org/taking-cover/revolving-door/>

<https://projects.bettergov.org/taking-cover/database.html>."

Section 5 ILCS 140/3(g) of FOIA provides that requests shall be complied with unless compliance with the request would be unduly burdensome for the complying public body, there is no way to narrow the request, and the burden on the public body outweighs the public interest in the information.

Please be advised that the way your requests are currently written, it is burdensome. In order to effectively run an email search, CPD needs the *names or emails accounts that you wish searched. The present email system's tool set cannot identify the department where an email user works, and therefore, a search cannot be based on a department.* Parameters that would assist CPD in conducting an email search include: (1) *the e-mail address of the account you wish searched*; (2) key words you wish to search for; (3) *the e-mail address of each individual's mailbox, if you seek e-mail correspondence to and from two or more individuals*; and (4) a time frame time for which you seek emails.

Because the requested communication portion of your request's are burdensome, any further analysis of your request is unnecessary. In light of the public interest in producing broad undefined searches without specified keywords contained in e-mail communications, the time it would take to review and fulfill your request, and the current demands of CPD's FOIA department to fulfill the thousands of FOIA requests received annually, your request as written is being denied as onerous and unduly burdensome. If you would like to pursue options to narrow your request, please contact CPD at your soonest convenience and resubmit a new FOIA request.

You have the right to have a denial reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, 500 S. Second St., Springfield, IL 62706, (877) 299-3642. You also have the right to seek judicial review of your denial by filing a lawsuit in the Cook County Circuit Court.

Sincerely,



L. Webb  
Freedom of Information Act Officer

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24 January 2018

Re: **NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST**  
**DATE OF REQUEST: 19 January 2018**  
**FOIA FILE NO.: P438931**

Dear Ms. Kambhampati,

This notice is in response to your request received by the Chicago Police Department for records and information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 ILCS 140 *et seq.* Upon review by the undersigned, it was determined that you are seeking:

"Any and all emails and notes regarding social media surveillance and/or social media monitoring search terms, including but not limited to email discussions, spreadsheets of potential commercial vendors from 2010 to present day"

I'd like to amend this request to cover only 2010-2011. I'd like a revised search for these terms:

Code for America  
commercial vendors  
search terms used on Twitter  
search terms used on Facebook  
search terms used on Instagram  
hashtags used on Instagram  
hashtags used on Facebook  
hashtags used on Twitter  
hashtags we should monitor  
Facebook posts we are watching  
Twitter language we are watching  
Twitter posts we are monitoring  
Twitter monitoring  
Facebook monitoring  
Instagram monitoring  
Facebook posts we are monitoring  
Social media monitoring  
Hashtags we should watch  
Hashtag monitor  
Social media monitoring companies"

Given the scope of your request, processing such a request would be unduly burdensome as written. FOIA provides in 5 ILCS 140/3(g) that requests for all records falling within a category shall be complied with unless compliance with the request would be unduly burdensome for the complying public body and there is no way to narrow the request and the burden on the public body outweighs the public interest in the information. Providing all of the files you are requesting constitute more than 1200 emails.

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A search of CPD's emails for records responsive to your requested returned more than 1200 emails of varying lengths. Based on past requests, it would be reasonable to expect a trained FOIA officer to take at least 2 minutes to read and redact a single email, and many emails may be more than 1 page long. Given the number of search terms you have provided as well as the timeframe that you have specified, collecting, reviewing, and redacting the records responsive to your request would require more than 40 hours of CPD's time. The number of records requested, paired with the short response time allowed by FOIA, makes the task of identifying, collecting, and reviewing potentially responsive records in a timely manner unduly burdensome upon CPD. As a result, CPD has determined that compliance with your request is unduly burdensome and that CPD's burden to process your request outweighs the public's interest.

Moreover, searching the vast amount of notes and spreadsheets in CPD for the past 2 years is also unduly burdensome pursuant to Section 3(g). CPD maintains no effective mechanism for searching all of CPD's many forms of notes, spreadsheets, and other related records.

Therefore, it is necessary that your FOIA request be narrowed. While you have provided key words, you may want to consider narrowing your timeframe and providing more specific keywords. If you would like assistance in narrowing your request, please contact me, and I will assist you. Otherwise, as explained above, as your FOIA request is currently drafted, the CPD is unable to respond.

If you agree to narrow your request, you must submit a revised written request to my attention. You are welcome to submit a new FOIA request in writing that narrows the scope of the current request. CPD will take no further action unless and until your current request is narrowed in writing. Please be sure to reference your FOIA File number of P264544 in order to avoid any duplication of work or miscommunication.

You have a right of review by the Illinois Attorney General's Public Access Counselor, who can be contacted at 500 S. Second St., Springfield, IL 62706 or by telephone 1-877-299-3642. You may also seek judicial review under 5 ILCS 140/11 of FOIA.

If you require additional assistance, feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,

Landon Karr  
Freedom of Information Act Officer

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15 February 2018

Salvador Herrera  
#R50827  
Stateville Correction Center  
P.O. Box 112  
Joliet, IL 60434

**Re: NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST**  
**FOIA FILE NO.: P438923**

Dear Mr. Herrera:

This notice is in response to your request received by the Chicago Police Department for records and information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 ILCS 140 *et seq.* Upon review by the undersigned, it was determined that you are seeking:

"Any and all complaints, law suits, settlements, and disciplinary reports for the following officers:

P. Spagnola, R. Harrison, M. Pacelli, M. Baker, S. Bradley, D. Boyd

Your request was reviewed by the undersigned. Your request was interpreted as a request for the complete investigative and CR files related to the three named individuals. Given the scope of your request, processing such a request would be unduly burdensome as written. FOIA provides in 5 ILCS 140/3(g) that requests for all records falling within a category shall be complied with unless compliance with the request would be unduly burdensome for the complying public body and there is no way to narrow the request and the burden on the public body outweighs the public interest in the information. Providing all of the files you are requesting constitutes 58 CR files, in addition to the investigative files related to the court case you name. Many CR files are more than 100 pages in length, and the shortest are about 20 pages in length. The total page count of 58 CR files, even assuming each of those files numbered only 20 pages in length, would constitute more than 1100 pages of responsive documents require substantial collection, redaction, and review of documents. Even assuming that CPD could review and compile the responsive documents based on the aforementioned search, this task represents an unduly burdensome request for action.

Based on past requests, it would be reasonable to expect a trained FOIA officer to take at least two minutes to review one page of responsive documents. More than 1100 pages of responsive documentation would require at least 36 hours. These facts, paired with the short response time allowed by FOIA, make the task of identifying, collecting, and reviewing potentially responsive records in a timely manner unduly burdensome upon CPD. As a

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result, CPD has determined that compliance with your request is unduly burdensome and that CPD's burden to process your request outweighs the public's interest.

At this time your request *as currently written* has been interpreted as unduly burdensome. It should be emphasized that the Act neither requires nor allows CPD to speculate as to the details of any request; this information can only be provided by the petitioner. Pursuant to section 3(g) of FOIA, we would like to extend to you an opportunity to modify your request to make it more manageable. Unless and until a new FOIA request is submitted that specifies what records you are seeking, CPD will be unable to process your petition. CPD encourages you to review your request to ascertain the details of your query, such as relevant dates or types of incidents. Once this is determined, a new FOIA request can be submitted to CPD, specifying the records you would like CPD to provide.

If you require additional assistance, feel free to contact this office.

You have the right to have a denial reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, 500 S. Second St., Springfield, IL 62706, (877)299-3642. You also have the right to seek judicial review of your denial by filing a lawsuit in the Cook county Circuit Court under 5 ILCS 140/11.

Sincerely,

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5 February 2018

Katherine Douglas  
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**RE: NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST**  
**FOIA FILE NO.: P439054**

Dear Ms. Douglas:

The Chicago Police Department (CPD) is in receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) received on January 22, 2018, and an extension was sent on January 24, 2018. CPD is timely responding to your request where you sought:

...total number of Clear and Present Danger forms submitted by officers and employees of the Chicago Police Department for 2017, 2016, 2015, and 2014.....

The request was reviewed by the undersigned in consultation with personnel from the Bureau of Detectives, Research and Development Division. The Chicago Police Department is not able to locate any responsive records to your request because CPD did not compile nor does it maintain said form. The Clear and Present Danger Form is a product of Illinois State Police, Firearms Services Bureau in Springfield, Illinois. Please note that each City Department is a separate "Public Body" under Section 2 of FOIA, 5 ILCS 140/2(a). See *Duncan Publishing Inc. v. City of Chicago*, 304 ILL. App.3d 778, 784, 709 N.E. 2d 1281, 1282 (1<sup>st</sup> Dist 1999) (Clearly, each of the individual departments are subsidiary bodies of the city and are "public bodies" as defined by the FOIA).

While CPD does not maintain or use the form, in order to confirm that it does not have a copy of the attached form, CPD would have to review all case reports within CPD's system starting from 2014 to 2017. This process would be unduly burdensome pursuant to Section 3(g) of FOIA.

FOIA provides in 5 ILCS 140/3(g) that requests for all records falling within a category shall be complied with unless compliance with the request would be unduly burdensome for the complying public body and there is no way to narrow the request and the burden on the public body outweighs the public interest in the information. Given the extraordinary number of records, both electronic and in paper format that might be responsive to this request, CPD has determined that compliance with your request is unduly burdensome and that CPD's burden to process your request outweighs the public's interest.

Locating and reviewing all case files would require a voluminous number of hours of staff labor. For example, in 2016 CPD had approximately 30,097 violent crime files and 87,001 property files totaling 117,098. Please note this does not include any other violations for which CPD officers would be dispatched. Original Case Incident Reports are approximately 4 pages in length. Reviewing each file, assuming each file is 4 pages in length, would constitute approximately 468,392 responsive records to collect and review in order to locate if the Clear and Present Danger Form was used. Even assuming that CPD could review and compile the responsive documents based on the aforementioned search, this task represents an unduly burdensome request for action.

Based on past requests, it would be reasonable to expect a trained FOIA officer to take at least two minutes to review one page of responsive documents. More than 468,392 pages of responsive documentation would require 15,613 hours and this only covers violent and property violations. These facts, paired with the short response time allowed by FOIA, make the task of identifying, collecting, and reviewing potentially responsive records in a timely manner unduly burdensome upon CPD. As a result, CPD has determined that compliance with your request is unduly burdensome and that CPD's burden to process your request outweighs the

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public's interest.

Therefore, CPD would be unable to review reports for three years in the time allowed by the FOIA. Moreover, as explained above, after consulting with various CPD the Bureau of Detectives, Research and Development Division and the Bureau of Organizational Development it is doubtful that this form even exists within CPD.

Therefore, it is necessary that your FOIA request be narrowed. If you would like assistance in narrowing your request, please contact me, and I will assist you. Otherwise, as explained above, as your FOIA request is currently drafted, the CPD is unable to respond. Moreover, please keep in mind it is highly unlikely that this form exists in the files.

If you agree to narrow your request, you must submit a revised written request to my attention. CPD will take no further action or send you any further correspondence unless and until the current request is narrowed in writing. Please be sure to reference your FOIA File number of **P439054** in order to avoid any duplication of work or miscommunication. If we do not receive your narrowed request within fourteen (14) calendar days of the date of this letter, your current request will be denied.

If I can be of further assistance, please contact me at the following address:

Chicago Police Department  
Attention: Freedom of Information  
Office of Legal Affairs, Unit 114  
3510 S. Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60653

You have the right to have a denial reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, 500 S. Second St., Springfield, IL 62706, (877)299-3642. You also have the right to seek judicial review of your denial by filing a lawsuit in the Cook county Circuit Court under 5 ILCS 140/11.

Sincerely,

M. Acosta  
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January 25, 2018

Jennifer Blagg  
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**RE: NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST**  
**FOIA FILE NO.: P439065**

Dear Jennifer Blagg:

This notice is in response to your request received by the Chicago Police Department for the following records and information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 ILCS 140 *et seq.*:

*"All police reports, supplemental reports, lineup photos, crime scene photos (and any other photos), inventory reports, GPR's, crime lab reports, and any other documents related to the arrest of Michael Selvie (DOB: 9/3/72) RD #HV235524 for the December 16, 2006, homicide of William Posey at 'Ice Bar' located at 738 N. Clark Ave. Chicago*

*This request includes all documents from the detective/area file in this case. Also include the 'daily information log' for the day of the arrest, the independent control file and the general inventory report for this case."*

Please note, the correct RD number associated with this case is HM777043, not HV235524 as you provided above. CPD interpreted your request as requesting the above responsive records associated with RD number HM777043.

As permitted by 5 ILCS 140/3(e), the time was extended in order to conduct a thorough search for these records. The search for the all identified responsive records consisted of 827 pages, which does not include the page count for photos. Please be advised that it has been determined your request is unduly burdensome based on the number of records requested. Each page would have to be reviewed for exempt material, and assuming that this process would take 3 minutes per page, it would take personnel trained in FOIA more than one 35 hour work week to fulfill this request, which is not inclusive of the time necessary to retrieve the documents, to the exclusion of all other tasks. The short response time allowed by the FOIA makes the task of reviewing and redacting the responsive records in a timely manner unduly burdensome upon CPD. As a result, CPD has determined that compliance with your request is unduly burdensome on the daily operations of CPD and that CPD's burden to process your request outweighs the public's interest.

Pursuant to section 3(g) of the FOIA, we would like to extend to you an opportunity to modify your request to make it more manageable. If you do not reduce the request, it will be treated as a denial.

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Please be advised that Section 6(b) of the FOIA provides that a public body may charge certain fees when providing access to the public records sought in your request. The requested photos have been ordered from the Photo Unit. Please advise in your response if these photos are to be included in your narrowed request. If there are any photos, when they are located, duplicated, and returned, a statement will be mailed to you with the number of photos and total fee amount of \$1.00 per photo. The photos will be sent to you as soon as CPD receives the check or money order for them.

CPD will take no further action or send you any further correspondence unless and until your current request is narrowed in writing. If we do not receive your narrowed request within fourteen (14) calendar days of the date of this letter, your current request will be denied.

You have the right to have a denial reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, 500 S. Second St., Springfield, IL 62706, 877-299-3642. You also have the right to seek judicial review of your denial by filing a lawsuit in the Cook county Circuit Court.

If I can be of further assistance, you may contact me at 312-745-5308.

Sincerely,

A. Marlan  
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**RE: NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST**  
**FOIA FILE NO.: P439367**

Dear Ms. Channen:

The Chicago Police Department (CPD) is in receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. In it, you request:

"Citations by citation number, issue date, officer of record and citation type; Date Range 1/1/2014 to 4/1/2014"

Upon further clarification from you Thursday, January 25, 2018 regarding what you meant by citation types whereby you cited Form CPD 11.496 which includes violation notices, ordinance complaints, traffic personal services, and civil law citations and in consultation with the Bureau of Detectives, Research and Development- Analysis Section the request was deemed too voluminous which would exceed the reasonableness of the search, process, categorization of the requested record for the time specified and allotted by federal FOIA guidelines. The FOIA provides in 5 ILCS 140/3(g) that requests for all records falling within a category shall be complied with unless compliance with the request would be unduly burdensome for the complying public body and there is no way to narrow the request and the burden on the public body outweighs the public interest in the information.

For a three (3) month period for traffic violations and traffic personal service, it yielded approximately 253,270 aggregate records. The Research and Development- Analysis Section Staff would need to discern even further the additional parameters within the request which includes the citation number, issue date, officer of record, and citation type. This means the approximate 253,270 aggregate records would be quadruplicated (1,013,083) in order to create the record. In addition, The Research and Development- Analysis Section Staff would also need to conduct numerous cross checks to ensure accuracy; manually process the information from data file form to the requested file; and scrub what is produced and ensure accuracy based on the query definition and formatting the records into the requested text which will result in over 40 hours of staff time.

Finally, CPD does not maintain civil law citations and further description regarding the ordinance complaint sought would be needed.

At this time your request as currently written has been interpreted as unduly burdensome. Pursuant to section 3(g) of FOIA, we would like to extend to you an opportunity to modify your request to make it more manageable. Because this poses an undue burden on the daily operations of the CPD pursuant to Section 3(g) of FOIA, your current request based on the parameters provided will be denied.

If I can be of further assistance, please contact me at the following address:

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Sincerely,  
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26 January 2018

Sarah Ryley  
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**Re: NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST**  
**REQUEST RECEIVED: 25 January 2018**  
**FOIA FILE NO.: P439364**

Dear Ms. Ryley,

This notice is in response to your request received by the Chicago Police Department for records and information on 25 January 2018 under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 ILCS 140 *et seq.* Upon review by the undersigned, it was determined that you are seeking:

*"Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") we request raw data — in a machine-readable database or spreadsheet format such as SQL, CSV, XML, JSON, Excel, or Access files — from the Chicago Police Department's crime databases.*

*The data export should include records on all incidents classified as homicide, aggravated assault and battery, and robbery. (If easier to query, the Chicago Police Department could export data on all incidents.)*

*The time period should cover the earliest date available through the date on which this request is fulfilled.*

*Specifically, we request data from the following databases:*

*The Criminal History Records Information System, (CHRIS), including but not limited to data provided by any relevant applications, such as CLEAR, ARREST, AIRA, CASE, and CRMS (as indicated in the attached data dictionary [Ex. B]).*

*Additionally, we request an export of data from any other records management system, case management system, or separate log -- such as a "homicide log" -- used by Chicago Police to track information on incidents, follow-up investigations and arrests for felony cases.*

*We request all fields in the databases listed above, with the sole exceptions being those that contain information deemed exempt under the provisions of Illinois FOIA. In the "Data Request" section below, we provide a general idea of the types of information we are seeking and the types of fields we preemptively agree to have redacted.*

*We are also requesting all relevant documentation that describes the layout of the tables and fields in the*

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database(s) or defines the codes and abbreviations used in the database(s). Whenever possible, we would like this documentation in machine-readable database or spreadsheet formats. Examples of responsive records are detailed in the "Documentation Request" section of this request.

#### *Data Request*

We request all fields (i.e. columns) in the listed databases, with the sole exceptions being those that contain information exempt under Illinois FOIA.

The "Documentation" portion of this request seeks complete list of tables and fields in the databases. We ask that you notate, from that list, all fields that have been withheld and the specific statute that justifies each exemption.

It would be most efficient to provide the complete list of tables and fields, with the intended exemptions notated, prior to exporting the data. This way we can negotiate redactions before the work to produce the data has been completed.

To give a general sense of the type of information we are seeking, we have attached relevant pages from a recently completed Chicago Police Department case file, which we have attached as EXHIBIT A. (We are using the Laquan McDonald report in Exhibit A because this was the most complete report we could find online. The subject of the report does not carry any particular significance for the purpose of our series, which is a nationwide analysis of gun violence.) We have indicated with shaded boxes the information we preemptively agree to have redacted.

Please include all non-exempt information contained in fields that are the same or similar to the ones outlined in the attachment, to the extent it is maintained in the Department's database(s). This portion of the request is divided into two sections: the first is based on copies of CPD reports we have obtained and is organized according to the layout on those paper documents for CPD's convenience (EXHIBIT A); the second is based on a data table layout provided by CPD (EXHIBIT B). The layout, however, lacks descriptions for some of the tables it contains and fails to provide any specific information about the fields contained within each table.

Each of the reports in Ex. A have been marked to clearly identify the types of information the responsive records should contain (identified with red boxes), and the information we preemptively agree to have redacted (marked with a gray box and labeled REDACTED).

For all data records, please REDACT:

- Any free-text fields, such as narratives or comments, that contain a mix of exempt and non-exempt information.
- Any information identifying undercover officers, but please include officer type and sequence number (i.e. Undercover 1, Undercover 2...).
- Any information identifying witnesses, but please include witness sequence number (i.e. Witness 1, Witness 2...)

We request all database records containing the types of information highlighted in Ex. A:

- Report details (examples can be found in the headers of each report type on pages 1, 5, 7, 10):
  - o Primary keys, unique case identifiers, unique report identifiers, and any other unique identifier linking records to other related tables.

- o Please include all non-exempt fields, including those indicated in EXHIBIT A.*

- o Please include and identify all report types (e.g., Major Incident Notification Detail, Original Case Incident Report, Supplementary Case Report, Arrest Report) and the informational fields for each report, as indicated in the attachment.*

- Original Case Incident Report (pgs. 1-4)*

- o Primary keys, unique case identifiers, unique report identifiers, and any other unique identifier linking records to other related tables.*

- o Please include all non-exempt fields, including those indicated in EXHIBIT A*

- o Please include the "Incident Report Notifications" (see pg. 3) and the computer dispatch report, known as the "Incident Report Narrative" (see pg. 4)*

- o Geolocation data (x, y coordinates and/or latitude and longitude)*

- o If Date of Birth is exempt from disclosure, convert DOB to Age*

- o REDACT: Any free-text fields, information identifying undercover officers or witnesses (see above)*

- Major Incident Notification Detail (pgs. 5-6)*

- o Primary keys, unique case identifiers, unique report identifiers, and any other unique identifier linking records to other related tables.*

- o Please include all non-exempt fields, including those indicated in EXHIBIT A.*

- o Please provide geolocation data (x, y coordinates and/or latitude and longitude)*

- o If Date of Birth is exempt from disclosure, convert DOB to Age*

- o REDACT: Any free-text fields, information identifying undercover officers or witnesses (see above)*

- Case Supplementary Report (pgs. 7-8)*

- o Primary keys, unique case identifiers, unique report identifiers, and any other unique identifier linking records to other related tables.*

- o Please include all non-exempt fields, including those indicated in EXHIBIT A.*

- § Please include the Supplementary Report type (identified with arrows on pgs. 7 and 8)*

- o If Date of Birth is exempt from disclosure, convert DOB to Age*

- o REDACT: Any free-text fields, information identifying undercover officers or witnesses (see above)*

- Investigative File Inventory (pg. 9)*

- o Primary keys, unique case identifiers, unique report identifiers, and any other unique identifier linking records to other related tables.

- o Please include all non-exempt fields, including those indicated in EXHIBIT A.

- o REDACT: Any free-text fields, information identifying undercover officers or witnesses (see above)

- Evidence (pg. 10)

- o Primary keys, unique case identifiers, unique report identifiers, and any other unique identifier linking records to other related tables.

- o Please include all non-exempt fields, including those indicated in EXHIBIT A.

- Arrest Report (pgs. 11-15)

- o Primary keys, unique case identifiers, unique report identifiers, and any other unique identifier linking records to other related tables.

- o Please include all non-exempt fields, including those indicated in EXHIBIT A.

- o If Date of Birth is exempt from disclosure, convert DOB to Age

- o REDACT: Any free-text fields, information identifying undercover officers or witnesses (see above)

Although these reports contain many fields, they are in no way a complete inventory of the records that the Chicago Police Department stores in its crime databases. The data dictionary attached as Ex. B lists 160 separate tables, many of which appear to contain responsive records.

For example, according to the data dictionary's descriptions provided by the CPD, the ARREST\_CHARGE\_DISPS table contains records tracking the courthouse outcome of every charge associated with an arrest; another, CLOSED\_CASES, indicates cases' closure status; and a third, AFFILIATIONS, provides information that links potential suspects to gangs.

To the extent not duplicative, we request the non-exempt information contained in the following applications, as indicated in Ex. B:

- AIRA

- Arrest

- CASE

- Court Notification

- Redact: Some tables appear to contain fields with a mix of exempt and non-exempt information, such as the "journal" tables. We preemptively agree to the redaction of the actual journal fields, but the accompanying fields should be included, such as those indicating the date, time, officer, and case number associated with the journal entry.

*Accordingly, the responsive records should include (but not be limited to) all database records that related to homicide, aggravated assault and battery, and robbery incidents and contained in those 160 tables — and any other such database records not documented in either the data dictionary or in Ex. A. Again, please redact any free-text fields and information identifying undercover officers or witnesses, as outlined above.*

*Essentially, we are asking for an export of raw data from CHRIS. We do not expect Chicago Police Department to manually review, alter or input any information for the purpose of satisfying this request. If any of the types of information listed in this request are not maintained as data, we do not expect the Department to produce that information.*

*Although the Chicago Police Department and City of Chicago publish some data online, those datasets provide limited information about each crime. We are seeking a more comprehensive dataset, which is necessary for our analyses.*

#### *Entitlement to Crime Records:*

*These documents and database are of paramount importance to the public, as they will help inform an unprecedented, nationwide analysis on gun violence — a critical public safety issue in Chicago. Refusal to release these documents and the CHRIS database would contravene the stated intent of the state's Freedom of Information Law, which declares "(i)t is the public policy of this State that public bodies exist to aid in the conduct of the people's business and that the people have a right to be informed as to the conduct of their business."*

*While the Illinois FOIA Act includes several exemptions for crime records, courts in Illinois have consistently ruled that those exemptions are to be narrowly construed and that the public's interest is paramount, (see: *Lieber v. Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University* [1997]; *National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers v. Chicago Police Department* [2010]). As the state's Supreme Court ruled in *Lieber v. Board*: "public records are presumed to be public."*

*Additionally, both Illinois courts and the Attorney General have ruled that open cases are not automatically exempt from disclosure. "The classification of information as 'law enforcement' or 'investigatory' does not necessarily foreclose access unless it can be shown, in a particular case, that disclosure would interfere with law enforcement and would, therefore, not be in the public interest," the Attorney General ruled in 2017 (Public Access Opinion 17-001). It added that the simple declaration that a case is open cannot be "some sort of magic talisman, the invocation of which 'casts a spell of secrecy over the documents at issue.'"*

#### *Redactions:*

*The Illinois FOIA statute is also clear the Chicago Police Department cannot reject a Freedom of Information Act request solely because some records may need to be redacted.*

*"When a request is made to inspect or copy a public record that contains information that is exempt from disclosure under this Section, but also contains information that is not exempt from disclosure, the public body may elect to redact the information that is exempt. The public body shall make the remaining information available for inspection and copying." (5 ILCS 140/7 Sect. 1)*

*Because we are requesting data, each distinct type of information is segregated into its own field (i.e. column), making it easy to redact exempt information en masse.*

*We are not asking the Department to manually review each entry to make redactions. Fields containing a mix of exempt and non-exempt information, such as those containing free-text narratives or comments, can be redacted in*

*their entirety, so long as we are notified of each column and the specific justification under the statute.*

*Additionally, in accordance with the exemptions outlined in Illinois FOIA statute, we have preemptively agreed to the redaction of fields containing identifiable information about witnesses, detailed descriptions of evidence, and personal information such as Social Security Numbers and phone numbers.*

*However, if exempt information can be redacted programmatically from certain fields — such as the names of individuals, by using the “Date of Birth” to filter for only the names of individuals under the age of 18 at the time of the incident or arrest — we request that you provide the non-exempt information in those fields.*

*We want to make disclosure of our requested information as efficient as possible. As previously stated, exempt columns can be deleted in their entirety. If the Department feels specific columns containing both exempt and non-exempt information would be too burdensome to redact, please notify us of the reason in writing, so we can negotiate an agreed-upon dataset that would best facilitate disclosure.*

#### *Exporting the Data:*

*We request these records in a machine-readable database or spreadsheet format — such as SQL, CSV, XML, JSON, Excel, or Access files — and not printed out, or converted to PDF files, or otherwise processed in a manner that would decrease the quality, quantity, or accessibility of the original information the records represent.*

*Illinois FOIA (5 ILCS 140/6(a)) entitles us to data in the format we request or as it is natively stored by the agency: “When a person requests a copy of a record maintained in an electronic format, the public body shall furnish it in the electronic format specified by the requester, if feasible. If it is not feasible to furnish the public records in the specified electronic format, then the public body shall furnish it in the format in which it is maintained by the public body.”*

*We realize the information is contained in multiple tables. We are not asking the Department to join tables together for us, or to conduct any type of analysis on the data. We are merely asking for an export of raw data, as it exists in the Department’s database, which should minimize the amount of programming necessary to fulfill our request.*

*We can do the joining on our own, so long as each table contains the unique identifiers and primary keys necessary to join the tables together, and so long as we are provided the necessary documentation to ensure that we are accurately joining and analyzing the data.*

*CHRIS is built upon an Oracle SQL database,[1] which Oracle’s own documentation shows has the capability to easily export selected tables, columns or even the entire database. We’ve included export instructions as EXHIBITS H and I as attachments to this email.*

*Furthermore, the Chicago Police Department has regularly provided vast quantities of data from CHRIS before: Chicago’s Inspector General examined significant quantities of data stored in the system as part of its 2014 review of crime statistics[2]; and provided vast amounts of data to the Department of Justice as part of its review of the CPD[3], which was completed in 2017.*

*We are comfortable working with very large databases in many standard data formats. Upon request, we would be happy to provide a USB thumbdrive or external hard drive to facilitate the release of these records.*

#### *Documentation Request*

*We are also requesting all corresponding code tables, record layouts, entity relationship diagrams, data dictionaries, glossaries, user manuals, report-writing guides, and/ or other types of guides intended to guide uniformed or non-uniformed personnel in the proper use of the systems.*

*Whenever possible, we would like this information in a machine-readable data format, such as XML, Excel, or CSV, which we are entitled to under (5 ILCS 140/6(a)). If the information does not exist as data, we would like it as a machine-readable PDF.*

*The documentation requested has been easily provided by other major law enforcement agencies across the country:*

*By "code tables," we mean technical documents and/or database records that translate the meaning of shortened codes and abbreviations used the database. Here is a criminal system code table from the Harris County, TX Information Technology Center: <http://www.harriscountytexas.gov/CmpDocuments/98/JIMS-Regular/Code Table Handout.pdf>*

*By "record layouts," we mean technical documents that describe the structure of each database. Record layouts can be designed in numerous ways. Here is the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Service's record layout for its 68 NYSIBR data elements: [http://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/crimnet/ojsa/crimereporting/ibr\\_refman/NYSIBR-Data-Capture-Elements-and-Specifications.pdf](http://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/crimnet/ojsa/crimereporting/ibr_refman/NYSIBR-Data-Capture-Elements-and-Specifications.pdf)*

*By "entity relationship diagrams," we mean technical documents that describe the relationships between a database's various tables and columns. Here is an example from the U.S. Department of Justice: [https://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/usao/pages/attachments/2014/12/08/erd\\_clions11\\_05\\_08\\_2009.pdf](https://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/usao/pages/attachments/2014/12/08/erd_clions11_05_08_2009.pdf)*

*By "data dictionaries," or "glossaries" we mean documents that describe, in plain English, the meaning of the fields and various terms used in the database. Here is the FBI's National Incident-Based Reporting System User Manual, which lists, defines and explains the tables, columns and codes used in the NIBRS data: <https://ucr.fbi.gov/nibrs/nibrs-user-manual>*

*(While we did receive a data dictionary in response to P062218, CPD failed to provide descriptions for several tables and – crucially – fails to provide the list of fields in each table, the type of information kept in those fields, and the definitions of codes used in the fields. The data dictionary also does not list any tables for AIRA, the main incident reporting application, besides the diagnostic log for conversion from AIRA incident reports to CASE reports.)*

*By "user manuals," we mean manuals created for civilian and/ or uniformed law enforcement personnel that instruct them on proper use of the database. Here is a User Guide for Motorola PremierOne, a popular Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system: [https://www.motorolasolutions.com/content/dam/msi/docs/support/manuals/CAD6\\_7\\_5UserGuide1.pdf](https://www.motorolasolutions.com/content/dam/msi/docs/support/manuals/CAD6_7_5UserGuide1.pdf)*

*By "report writing guides," we mean guides created for law enforcement personnel with instructions on proper entry of data into the system. Here is an example of a report writing guide from the Fredericksburg Police Department: <https://www.fredericksburgva.gov/DocumentCenter/View/5989>*

*By "other types of guides," we mean any other guides distributed to uniformed or civilian law enforcement personnel with step-by-step instructions on proper use of the systems. Such guides frequently contain elements of data dictionaries, code tables and record layouts. Here is a System Configuration guide for Motorola Infotrak Law Records Management System (LRMS), a widely-used case management system: <https://www.yumpu.com/en/document/view/29077736/infotrak-lrms-configuration-guide-version-568pdf-to-parent->*

*The data dictionary provided by CPD lists several 'code tables,' such as ARREST\_CHARGE\_TYPES and ASSIGNMENT\_TYPES; the full contents of these tables should be included among the responsive records, meaning the data is already digitalized and easily exportable.*

*We are not requesting any documentation, or portions thereof, that would reveal the source code or confidential security information of the databases. To the extent that exempt and non-exempt information is commingled in the same record, the law allows for the redaction of only the exempt portion(s) of the record, not the withholding of the entire record.*

#### *Other documents:*

*Additionally, we request the following documentation associated with the Chicago Police Department's CLEAR incident tracking and warehouse system.*

- *FORMS: The Chicago Police Department provides the instructions for completing these forms – the top sheet to the CPD-11.380 and 11.420 and a separate document, CPD-63.456 — on its own website (attached as EXHIBIT C, D, E, F and G). As such we request the most current versions of these forms or whatever AIRA-generated forms may have succeeded them and are now used presently.*

- *AIRA MANUAL: According to CPD Special Order S04-13-06 (attached as EXHIBIT K), the Automated Incident Reporting Application was developed and implemented in the early 2000s to replace several case report types, which were all publicly available. The order clearly states the department also created the Automated Incident Reporting Application User Manual -- which was originally posted under the file name 'AIRA\_Admin\_081403.pdf' – to train officers and supervisors to use the then-new system. As such, we request a copy of the most recent edition of the user manual and associated training materials or its successors.*

#### *Entitlement to Documentation:*

*The code tables, record layouts, entity relationship guides and data dictionaries are considered "metadata" necessary to understanding how the database is put together and functions. For example, the Wikipedia definition of "data dictionary" begins:*

*A data dictionary, or metadata repository, as defined in the IBM Dictionary of Computing, is a "centralized repository of information about data such as meaning, relationships to other data, origin, usage, and format". Oracle defines it as a collection of tables with metadata. The term can have one of several closely related meanings pertaining to databases and database management systems (DBMS):*

- *A document describing a database or collection of databases*
- *An integral component of a DBMS that is required to determine its structure*
- *A piece of middleware that extends or supplants the native data dictionary of a DBMS.*

*Since Illinois FOIA has not expressly addressed the specific types of documentation at issue in this request — or more broadly metadata — it must be produced in any format in which it is kept.*

*These documentation records are essential for translating and accurately interpreting the database records. Deprivation of these records would hinder our ability to inspect public crime records by rendering the information meaningless.*

*If exempt and non-exempt information is commingled in the same record, Illinois FOIA requires agencies to redaction of only the exempt portion(s) of the record and release the remainder of the entire record.*

#### *Other Provisions*



*Because we are seeking this information solely for journalistic purposes, we request that any fees be waived. Disclosure of the responsive records will make a significant contribution to the public's understanding of critical issues related to gun violence.*

*However, if you do assess a fee, the open records law caps costs for a data request at \$100 and limits copy charges to \$0.15 per page.*

*As per statute, we await your response within five business days.*

*If you deny any portion of this request, please cite the specific statute that you feel justifies each exemption.*

*We request that communication regarding this request be conducted via email, and that the request be filled via email if possible, as we are entitled to under the law.*

*Thank you for considering our request. For your convenience, we have also attached this records request as a PDF.*

*Sincerely,*

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Investigative Reporter | The Trace  
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*[1] Rick Pastore, "Taking IT to the Street," April 2, 2004,  
[https://www.cio.com.au/article/122838/taking\\_it\\_street/](https://www.cio.com.au/article/122838/taking_it_street/)*

*[2] Inspector General of the City of Chicago, April 2014, Chicago Police Department Assault-Related Crime Statistics Classification and Reporting Audit (.pdf)*

*[3] U.S. Department of Justice - Civil Rights Division, January 2017, Investigation of the Chicago Police Department (.pdf)*

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Your request was reviewed by the undersigned.

Given the scope of your request, processing such a request would be unduly burdensome as written. FOIA provides in 5 ILCS 140/3(g) that requests for all records falling within a category shall be complied with unless compliance with the request would be unduly burdensome for the complying public body and there is no way to narrow the request and the burden on the public body outweighs the public interest in the information.

Your request is, in essence, a request for the entirety of data maintained by CPD's myriad computer and database systems throughout the entire time period during which any of those systems have been in use. The size and scope of this request, along with the non-specific timeframe in question, makes this request unduly burdensome on the operations of this Department. Providing only *“the earliest date available through the date on which this request is fulfilled”* implies the extraction of all data within not only CPD's CHRIS system, but also myriad others records storage systems. The extraordinary scope of this request lies outside the bounds of what CPD can reasonably produce in any meaningful way. CPD's case files alone number in the millions, arrest reports constitute millions more, and each of the many points contained within your request would require any outlay of CPD's resources that far exceeds what CPD is able to provide in response to any single FOIA request. CHRIS contains records for nearly 500,000 incidents for each year since 1999. Given the near 20-year length of this database, and this extrapolates to nearly 10,000,000 records in CHRIS alone, many of which are hundreds of pages in length. Beyond the sheer breadth of the material that has been requested, vast amounts of data contained within that dataset are exempt under the FOIA law. Much of this information would need to be redacted via a manual process, requiring conceivably millions of hours of human effort. Even if CPD could compile all of the data you are requesting in a single package, a premise which is itself in doubt, the redaction of that material to remove sensitive information, including the identities of private citizens, victims, and witnesses, private information including social security number, driver's license numbers, personal addresses, telephone numbers, and other such identifiers, as well as confidential information, information pertaining to cases and investigations that are ongoing, and other such information would require an extraordinary effort that would place a burden on CPD that vastly exceeds the public interest. While CPD is committed to public transparency in policing, the compilation of the vast amount of data specified in this request far outweighs any obligation to public transparency placed upon CPD under the law.

Still further, the release of all of the data included in this request would fundamentally jeopardize the security of CPD's technical systems, and by proxy, the security of the citizenry of Chicago and beyond. It has been determined that the items you are seeking are exempt from disclosure under the below listed provisions of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act:

5 ILCS 140/7 (1)(o) Administrative or technical information associated with automated data processing operations, including but not limited to software, operating protocols, computer program abstracts, file layouts, source listings, object modules, load modules, user guides, documentation pertaining to all logical and physical design of computerized systems, employee manuals, and any other information that, if disclosed, would jeopardize the security of the system or its data or the security of materials exempt under this Section.

Specifically, this information pertains to file layouts, source listings, and the design of CPD's computerized systems, the disclosure of which jeopardizes the security of CPD's systems, their management, and the data contained therein.

At this time your request *as currently written* has been interpreted as unduly burdensome. Pursuant to section 3(g) of FOIA, we would like to extend to you an opportunity to modify your request to make it more

manageable. Unless and until a new FOIA request is submitted that specifies what records you are seeking, CPD will be unable to process your petition. CPD encourages you to review your request to ascertain the details of your query. CPD may be capable of producing specific datasets pertaining to certain types of crimes, certain time periods, or compiling statistical-level reports related to crime in Chicago. These reports, in order to avoid the need for manual redaction, could contain only fields of data that are non-exempt under the FOIA law. Once this is determined, a new FOIA request can be submitted to CPD, specifying the records you would like CPD to provide and a specific timeframe.

If you require additional assistance, feel free to contact this office.

You have the right to have a denial reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, 500 S. Second St., Springfield, IL 62706, (877)299-3642. You also have the right to seek judicial review of your denial by filing a lawsuit in the Cook county Circuit Court under 5 ILCS 140/11.

Sincerely,

Landon Karr  
Freedom of Information Act Officer

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1 February 2018

Hae Nim Lee  
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**RE: NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST**  
**FOIA FILE NO.: P439329**

Dear Ms. Lee:

The Chicago Police Department (CPD) is in receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. In it, you request:

"Citations by citation number, issue date, officer of record and citation type; Date Range 1/1/2013 to 7/1/2013"

Upon further clarification from you Friday, January 26, 2018 regarding what you meant by citation types whereby you cited Form CPD 11.496 which includes violation notices, ordinance complaints, traffic personal services, and civil law citations and in consultation with the Bureau of Detectives, Research and Development- Analysis Section the request was deemed too voluminous which would exceed the reasonableness of the search, process, categorization of the requested record for the time specified and allotted by federal FOIA guidelines. The FOIA provides in 5 ILCS 140/3(g) that requests for all records falling within a category shall be complied with unless compliance with the request would be unduly burdensome for the complying public body and there is no way to narrow the request and the burden on the public body outweighs the public interest in the information.

For a six (6) month period for traffic violations and traffic personal service, it yielded approximately 506,541 aggregate records. The Research and Development- Analysis Section Staff would need to discern even further the additional parameters within the request which includes the citation number, issue date, officer of record, and citation type. This means the approximate 506,541 aggregate records would be quadruplicated (2,026,164) in order to create the record. In addition, The Research and Development- Analysis Section Staff would also need to conduct numerous cross checks to ensure accuracy; manually process the information from data file form to the requested file; and scrub what is produced and ensure accuracy based on the query definition and formatting the records into the requested text which will result in over 40 hours of staff time.

Finally, CPD does not maintain civil law citations and further description regarding the ordinance complaint sought would be needed.

At this time your request as currently written has been interpreted as unduly burdensome. Pursuant to section 3(g) of FOIA, we would like to extend to you an opportunity to modify your request to make it more manageable. Because this poses an undue burden on the daily operations of the CPD pursuant to Section 3(g) of FOIA, your current request based on the parameters provided will be denied.

If I can be of further assistance, please contact me at the following address:

Chicago Police Department  
Attention: Freedom of Information  
Office of Legal Affairs, Unit 114  
3510 S. Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60653

You have the right to have a denial reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, 500 S. Second St., Springfield, IL 62706, (877)299-3642. You also have the right to seek judicial review of your

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denial by filing a lawsuit in the Cook county Circuit Court under 5 ILCS 140/11.

Sincerely,

M. Acosta  
Freedom of Information Act Officer



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1 February 2018

Rachel Ryley  
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**RE: NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST**  
**FOIA FILE NO.: P439324**

Dear Ms. Ryley:

The Chicago Police Department (CPD) is in receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. In it, you request:

"Citations by citation number, issue date, officer of record and citation type; Date Range 1/1/2012 to 1/1/2013"

Upon further clarification from you Friday, January 26, 2018 regarding what you meant by citation types whereby you cited Form CPD 11.496 which includes violation notices, ordinance complaints, traffic personal services, and civil law citations and in consultation with the Bureau of Detectives, Research and Development- Analysis Section the request was deemed too voluminous which would exceed the reasonableness of the search, process, categorization of the requested record for the time specified and allotted by federal FOIA guidelines. The FOIA provides in 5 ILCS 140/3(g) that requests for all records falling within a category shall be complied with unless compliance with the request would be unduly burdensome for the complying public body and there is no way to narrow the request and the burden on the public body outweighs the public interest in the information.

For a year, traffic violations and traffic personal service yielded approximately 83,672 aggregate records for traffic personal service and approximately 929,419 records for traffic violations. The Research and Development- Analysis Section Staff would need to discern even further the additional parameters within the request which includes the citation number, issue date, officer of record, and citation type. This means the approximate 83,672 aggregate records for traffic personal service and approximate 929,419 records for traffic violations would be quadruplicated (334,688 for traffic personal service and 3,717,676 for traffic violations) in order to create the record. In addition, The Research and Development- Analysis Section Staff would also need to conduct numerous cross checks to ensure accuracy; manually process the information from data file form to the requested file; and scrub what is produced and ensure accuracy based on the query definition and formatting the records into the requested text which will result in over 40 hours of staff time.

Finally, CPD does not maintain civil law citations and further description regarding the ordinance complaint sought would be needed.

At this time your request as currently written has been interpreted as unduly burdensome. Pursuant to section 3(g) of FOIA, we would like to extend to you an opportunity to modify your request to make it more manageable. Because this poses an undue burden on the daily operations of the CPD pursuant to Section 3(g) of FOIA, your current request based on the parameters provided will be denied.

If I can be of further assistance, please contact me at the following address:

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denial by filing a lawsuit in the Cook county Circuit Court under 5 ILCS 140/11.

Sincerely,  
M. Acosta  
Freedom of Information Act Officer





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November 13, 2019

Vernell Holloway #B10227  
10930 Lawrence Rd.  
Sumner, IL 62466

**RE: NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST**  
**FOIA FILE NO.: P439538**

Dear Vernell Holloway:

This notice is in response to your request received by the Chicago Police Department for the following records and information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 ILCS 140 *et seq*:

- "1. Criminal history Arrest Record Every Case I caught.*
- 2. All my Criminal Case Mugshots Every Last Mugshot in Color.*
- 3. 1993 Murder Arrest Progress Report Murder Police Report.*
- 4. 1993 police photo line up murder case in Color."*

The search for the identified responsive records consisted of 41 arrest cases. Please be advised that it has been determined your request is unduly burdensome based on the number of records requested. Arrest, case, and supplementary reports can consist, on average, to 10 pages; mugshots can consist, on average, to 3 pages; your rap sheet is 17 pages. The total number of pages of information to be reviewed and redacted to the corresponding 41 arrest cases could amount to approximately 550 pages minimum. Each page would have to be reviewed for exempt material, and assuming that this process would take 2 minutes per page, it would take personnel trained in FOIA more than 18 hours to fulfill this request, which is not inclusive of the time necessary to retrieve the documents, to the exclusion of all other tasks. The short response time allowed by the FOIA makes the task of reviewing and redacting the responsive records in a timely manner unduly burdensome upon CPD. As a result, CPD has determined that compliance with your request is unduly burdensome on the daily operations of CPD and that CPD's burden to process your request outweighs the public's interest.

Pursuant to section 3(g) of the FOIA, we would like to extend to you an opportunity to modify your request to make it more manageable. If you do not reduce the request, it will be treated as a denial.

CPD will take no further action or send you any further correspondence unless and until your current request is narrowed in writing. If we do not receive your narrowed request within fourteen (14) calendar days of the date of this letter, your current request will be denied.

You have the right to have a denial reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, 500 S. Second St., Springfield, IL 62706, (877)299-3642. You also have the right to seek judicial review of your denial by filing a lawsuit in the Cook county Circuit Court.

If I can be of further assistance, you may contact me at (312) 745-5308.

Sincerely,

A. Marlan  
Freedom of Information Act Officer  
Chicago Police Department  
Office of Legal Affairs, Unit 114  
3510 S. Michigan Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60653



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February 1, 2018

Ricardo Marchan  
#Y11209  
P.O. Box 1000  
Menard, IL 62259

RE: NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST  
REQUEST DATE: January 29, 2018  
FOIA FILE NO.: P439541

Dear Ricardo Marchan:

The Chicago Police Department (CPD) is in receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request seeking the following:

DESCRIBE RECORD SOUGHT 0-201  
Complaint registers filed against Det. Demosthenes  
"Jimmy" Balodinas #20204, Det. Michael Landando #20417, Det. James  
G. Gilger #21151, Det. Brian Spain #21403, Det. Nicholas J. Spanos #21020 (back)  
MAIL OR BRING THIS REQUEST TO: CHICAGO POLICE HEADQUARTERS, RECORDS DIVISION, 3510 S. MICHIGAN AVE., CHICAGO, IL 60653  
Det. Frank Szwedo #20813, Det. Thomas Conley #21223,  
Det. Sgt. Thomas Mills #2020, Det. Sgt. James Rugar #2048,  
Det. Sgt. Anthony Wojcik, Det. Sgt. Darlene Wojcik #1661  
(#1832)

Your request was reviewed by the undersigned as well as by the Bureau of Internal Affairs. Your request was interpreted as a request for the complete Complaint Registers (CR) files related to the 11 named CPD members. Given the scope of your request, processing such a request would be unduly burdensome as written. FOIA provides in 5 ILCS 140/3(g) that requests for all records falling within a category shall be complied with unless compliance with the request would be unduly burdensome for the complying public body and there is no way to narrow the request and the burden on the public body outweighs the public interest in the information. Providing all of the files you are requesting constitutes a total of 243 CR files for all 11 named CPD members. Many CR files are more than 100 pages in length, and the shortest are about 20 pages in length. If on an average, there are 50 pages per CR file pertaining to the 11 named CPD members in question, the total page count of responsive documents for this request would be an approximate 12,150 pages of documents which require substantial collection, redaction, and review of documents. Even assuming that CPD could review and compile the responsive documents based on the aforementioned search, this task represents an unduly burdensome request for action.

Based on past requests, and based on 243 CR files for all 11 named CPD members in your request, it would be an extraordinary number of hours for a FOIA officer to take action. These facts, paired with the short response time allowed by FOIA, make the task of identifying, collecting, and reviewing potentially responsive records in a timely manner unduly burdensome upon the CPD. As a result, the CPD has determined that compliance with your request is unduly burdensome and that the CPD's burden to process your request outweighs the public's interest.

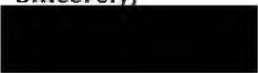
At this time your request as currently written has been interpreted as unduly burdensome. It should be emphasized that the Act neither requires nor allows the CPD to speculate as to the details of any request; this information can only be provided by the petitioner. Pursuant to section 3(g) of FOIA, we would like to extend to you an opportunity to modify your request to make it more manageable. It is recommended that you narrow your request to one member per request. Therefore, as your FOIA request is currently written, the dedication of staff and/or resources is unduly burdensome on the daily operations of the Department pursuant to section 5 ILCS 140/3(g) of the Act.

If I can be of further assistance, you may contact me at (312) 745-5308, or by mail at the following address:

Chicago Police Department  
Attn: Freedom of Information Act  
Office of Legal Affairs, Unit 114  
3510 S. Michigan Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60653

You have a right of review by the Illinois Attorney General's Public Access Counselor, who can be contacted at 500 S. Second St., Springfield, IL 62706. You may also seek judicial review under 5 ILCS 140/11 of FOIA.

Sincerely,

  
FOIA Officer Jimenez  
Chicago Police Department



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8 February 2018

Emily Hoerner  
emilyhoerner@injusticewatch.org

**RE: NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST**  
**FOIA FILE NO.: P440104**

Dear Ms. Hoerner:

The Chicago Police Department (CPD) is in receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request in which you requested:

... copies of records sufficient to show any emails or written correspondence between the Chicago Police Department and the Illinois Governor's Office of Executive Appointments regarding former CPD employee Salvador Diaz and his 2005 appointment to the Illinois Prisoner Review Board. This should include requests from the Governor's office for details of past work performance, requests for personnel files and/or work reviews...

Your request as written would be onerous and unduly burdensome on the daily operations of CPD. The FOIA provides in 5 ILCS 140/3(g) that requests for all records falling within a category shall be complied with unless compliance with the request would be unduly burdensome for the complying public body and there is no way to narrow the request and the burden on the public body outweighs the public interest in the information

In order to effectively run an email search, CPD needs the following: (1) the email address (es) of the account you wished searched which would include the e-mail addresses of each individual's mailbox since your request includes correspondence to and from two or more individuals; (2) key words you wish to search for; and (3) the timeframe for which you seek emails. You have not provided the time frame, the key words to be searched, the e-mail accounts you wished searched, or the e-mail address of each individual's mailbox.

In light of the public interest in producing broad undefined searches without specified timeframes and e-mail address, the time it would take to review and fulfill your request, and the current demands of CPD's FOIA department to fulfill thousands of FOIA requests received annually, your request as written is being denied as onerous and unduly burdensome. If you would like to pursue options to narrow your request, please contact CPD at your soonest convenience and resubmit a new FOIA request.

If I can be of further assistance, please contact me at the following address:

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Chicago, IL 60653

To the extent that you consider this denial of your FOIA request, such decisions may be reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, 500 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706, (877) 299-3642. You may also seek judicial review of a denial under 5 ILCS 140/11 by filing a lawsuit in the State Circuit Court.

Sincerely,  
M. Acosta  
Freedom of Information Act Officer





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February 5, 2018

William Clarke  
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P.O. Box 1000  
Menard, IL 62259

RE: NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST  
REQUEST DATE: February 2, 2018  
FOIA FILE NO.: P440050

Dear William Clarke:

The Chicago Police Department (CPD) is in receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request seeking the following:

I am requesting copies of any and all open or closed investigations/complaints, that involve Detective(s) Greg Swiderak, star # 20130 and/or James Gillespie, star # 21289. This is being sought under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act 5 ILCS 140/1 et seq. This information is being sought in order to challenge my conviction.

Your request was reviewed by the undersigned as well as by the Bureau of Internal Affairs. Your request was interpreted as a request for the complete Complaint Registers (CR) files related to the two named CPD members. Given the scope of your request, processing such a request would be unduly burdensome as written. FOIA provides in 5 ILCS 140/3(g) that requests for all records falling within a category shall be complied with unless compliance with the request would be unduly burdensome for the complying public body and there is no way to narrow the request and the burden on the public body outweighs the public interest in the information. Providing all of the files you are requesting constitutes a total of 36 CR files for the two named CPD members. Many CR files are more than 100 pages in length, and the shortest are about 20 pages in length. If on an average, there are 50 pages per CR file pertaining to the two named CPD members in question, the total page count of responsive documents for this request would be an approximate 1,800 pages of documents which require substantial collection, redaction, and review of documents. Even assuming that CPD could review and compile the responsive documents based on the aforementioned search, this task represents an unduly burdensome request for action.



Based on past requests, and based on 36 CR files for the two named CPD members in your request, it would be an extraordinary number of hours for a FOIA officer to take action. These facts, paired with the short response time allowed by FOIA, make the task of identifying, collecting, and reviewing potentially responsive records in a timely manner unduly burdensome upon the CPD. As a result, the CPD has determined that compliance with your request is unduly burdensome and that the CPD's burden to process your request outweighs the public's interest.

At this time your request as currently written has been interpreted as unduly burdensome. It should be emphasized that the Act neither requires nor allows the CPD to speculate as to the details of any request; this information can only be provided by the petitioner. Pursuant to section 3(g) of FOIA, we would like to extend to you an opportunity to modify your request to make it more manageable. It is recommended that you narrow your request to one member per request. Therefore, as your FOIA request is currently written, the dedication of staff and/or resources is unduly burdensome on the daily operations of the Department pursuant to section 5 ILCS 140/3(g) of the Act.

You have a right of review by the Illinois Attorney General's Public Access Counselor, who can be contacted at 500 S. Second St., Springfield, IL 62706. You may also seek judicial review of a denial under 5 ILCS 140/11 of FOIA.

If I can be of further assistance, you may contact me at (312) 745-5308, or by mail via the address below signature.

Sincerely,



FOIA Officer Jimenez  
Chicago Police Department  
Office of Legal Affairs, Unit 114  
3510 S. Michigan Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60653



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**Eddie T. Johnson**  
Superintendent of Police

8 February 2018

Forest Gregg  
48348-76600825@muckrequests.com

**RE: NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST**  
**FOIA FILE NO.: P440114**

Dear Mr. Gregg:

The Chicago Police Department (CPD) is in receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request in which you requested:

... All e-mails and other communications with the Chicago Crime Commission...

Your request as written would be onerous and unduly burdensome on the daily operations of CPD. The FOIA provides in 5 ILCS 140/3(g) that requests for all records falling within a category shall be complied with unless compliance with the request would be unduly burdensome for the complying public body and there is no way to narrow the request and the burden on the public body outweighs the public interest in the information

In order to effectively run an email search, CPD needs the following: (1) the email address (es) of the account you wished searched which would include the e-mail addresses of each individual's mailbox since your request includes correspondence to and from two or more individuals; (2) key words you wish to search for; and (3) the timeframe for which you seek emails. You have not provided the time frame, the key words to be searched, the e-mail accounts you wished searched, or the e-mail address of each individual's mailbox.

In light of the public interest in producing broad undefined searches without specified timeframes and e-mail address, the time it would take to review and fulfill your request, and the current demands of CPD's FOIA department to fulfill thousands of FOIA requests received annually, your request as written is being denied as onerous and unduly burdensome. If you would like to pursue options to narrow your request, please contact CPD at your soonest convenience and resubmit a new FOIA request.

If I can be of further assistance, please contact me at the following address:

Chicago Police Department  
Attention: Freedom of Information  
Office of Legal Affairs, Unit 114  
3510 S. Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60653

To the extent that you consider this denial of your FOIA request, such decisions may be reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, 500 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706, (877) 299-3642. You may also seek judicial review of a denial under 5 ILCS 140/11 by filing a lawsuit in the State Circuit Court.

Sincerely,  
M. Acosta  
Freedom of Information Act Officer



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**Eddie T. Johnson**  
Superintendent of Police

February 5, 2018  
Email: [agrimm@suntimes.com](mailto:agrimm@suntimes.com)

Re: **NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST**  
**FOIA FILE NO.: P440148**

Dear Mr. Grim

This notice is in response to your request received by the Chicago Police Department for the following:

"Reports and investigative files and findings related to all complaints, disciplinary action, or completed IAD investigations involving the following officers:

Jeffrey Caribou #7416  
Richard Mostowski #12898  
[No first name given] Hernandez #7387  
Angel Pena #7135  
Adrien Franklin #9188  
Vickie Williams #14382  
Ivar Mondragon #16929  
David Brown #15887  
Kevyn Lott  
Karl Scherer  
Carlos Ferrer  
Thomas Beyna  
Reyna Arroyo  
Kevin Cole  
Robert Stasch  
Michael Walsh."

Given the scope of your request, processing such a request would be unduly burdensome as written. FOIA provides in 5 ILCS 140/3(g) that requests for all records falling within a category shall be complied with unless compliance with the request would be unduly burdensome for the complying public body and there is no way to narrow the request and the burden on the public body outweighs the public interest in the information.

Providing all of the files you are requesting constitutes over 500 pages of documents all of which would require substantial collection, redaction, and review of documents.

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At this time your request as currently written has been interpreted as unduly burdensome. It should be emphasized that the Act neither requires nor allows CPD to speculate as to the details of any request; this information can only be provided by the petitioner. Pursuant to section 3(g) of FOIA, we would like to extend to you an opportunity to modify your request to make it more manageable. By requesting Compliant Register History Logs for five officers, then after receiving the logs determining which actual CR's you would like.

Unless and until a new FOIA request is submitted that specifies what records you are seeking, CPD will be unable to process your petition. CPD encourages you to review your request to ascertain the details of your query, such as relevant dates and parties. Once this is determined, a new FOIA request can be submitted to CPD, specifying the records you would like CPD to provide.

If you require additional assistance, feel free to contact this office.

You have the right to have a denial reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, 500 S. Second St., Springfield, IL 62706, (877) 299-3642. You also have the right to seek judicial review of your denial by filing a lawsuit in the Cook County Circuit Court.

Sincerely,



L. Webb  
Freedom of Information Act Officer

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Chicago, Illinois 60653  
(312) 745-5308  
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12 March 2018

Reginald F. Cowan  
P. O. Box 089002  
Chicago, IL 60608

Re: **NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST**  
**FOIA FILE NO.: P440313**

Dear Mr. Cowan:

This notice is in response to your request received by the Chicago Police Department for records and information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 ILCS 140 *et seq.* Upon review by the undersigned, it was determined that you are seeking:

"A copy of any and all complaints that may have been filed against Police Officer Joseph Papke."

Given the scope of your request, processing such a request would be unduly burdensome as written. FOIA provides in 5 ILCS 140/3(g) that requests for all records falling within a category shall be complied with unless compliance with the request would be unduly burdensome for the complying public body and there is no way to narrow the request and the burden on the public body outweighs the public interest in the information.

Given the extraordinary number of electronic records, that might be responsive to this request, CPD has determined that compliance with your request is unduly burdensome and that CPD's burden to process your request outweighs the public's interest.

At this time your request *as currently written* has been interpreted as unduly burdensome. Pursuant to section 3(g) of FOIA, we would like to extend to you an opportunity to modify your request to make it more manageable. Unless and until a new FOIA request is submitted that specifies what records you are seeking, CPD will be unable to process your petition. **CPD encourages you to review your request to ascertain the details of your query. If there is a particular time period for the Complaint Registers this would narrow down the request and, it may be possible to conduct a search based on these parameters.** Once this is determined, a new FOIA request can be submitted to CPD, specifying the records you would like CPD to provide.

If you require additional assistance, feel free to contact this office.

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You have the right to have a denial reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, 500 S. Second St., Springfield, IL 62706, (877)299-3642. You also have the right to seek judicial review of your denial by filing a lawsuit in the Cook County Circuit Court.

Sincerely,

C. Lynch  
Freedom of Information Act Officer  
City of Chicago Department of Police  
Office of Legal Affairs-FOIA Unit



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22 March 2018

Eric Perry  
B18412  
Western C.C.  
2500 Rt. 99 South  
Mt. Sterling, IL 62353

**Re: NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST**  
**FOIA FILE NO.: P440773**

Dear Mr. Perry:

This notice is in response to your request received by the Chicago Police Department for records and information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 ILCS 140 *et seq.* Upon review by the undersigned, it was determined that you are seeking:

"1. Any and all police general progress and Supplemental Reports including running file and so called Street Files that is in relation to Eric Perry under case #02cr13745-01.

2. Any and all records documents or files regarding official misconduct by the following Chicago Police homicide detectives:

"Sgt. D. Walsh #1934  
Det. S. Cirone #20941  
Det. T. Flatterty #20942  
Det. J. Henning #21115  
G. Carlson #20368

3. Any and all records regarding criminal cases that have been dismissed in Cook County Circuit Court and murder cases that the Illinois Appellate and Supreme Court have reversed, where those detectives worked on and were involved in.

4. The names of defense and plaintiff's attorneys, and plaintiff's names who have sued the city of Chicago and Denis Walsh, and Sam Circone of any detectives involved in the investigation of the murder case of Eric Perry, for police corruption and official misconduct.

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5. Exact amount of money Chicago has paid for the aforementioned officers to settle lawsuits.

6. Any and all anonymous complaints filed by police employees against Denis P. Walsh and Sam Cirone.

Given the scope of your request, processing such a request would be unduly burdensome as written. FOIA provides in 5 ILCS 140/3(g) that requests for all records falling within a category shall be complied with unless compliance with the request would be unduly burdensome for the complying public body and there is no way to narrow the request and the burden on the public body outweighs the public interest in the information.

Given the extraordinary number of electronic records, that might be responsive to this request, CPD has determined that compliance with your request is unduly burdensome and that CPD's burden to process your request outweighs the public's interest.

At this time your request *as currently written* has been interpreted as unduly burdensome. Pursuant to section 3(g) of FOIA, we would like to extend to you an opportunity to modify your request to make it more manageable. Unless and until a new FOIA request is submitted that specifies what records you are seeking, CPD will be unable to process your petition. CPD encourages you to review your request to make it less burdensome. Once this is determined, a new FOIA request can be submitted to CPD, specifying the records you would like CPD to provide.

Please also be advised that any records (#3) that have been dismissed or reversed by the Cook County Circuit, Illinois Appellate and Supreme Courts must be obtained from those courts.

The Chicago Police Department is unable to locate any responsive records to your request for #4 & #5. Please note that each City Department is a separate "Public Body" under Section 2 of FOIA, 5 ILCS 140/2(a). See *Duncan Publishing Inc v, City of Chicago*, 304ILL.App.3d 778, 784, 709 N.E. 2d 1281, 1282 (1<sup>st</sup> Dist 1999) (Clearly, each of the individual departments are subsidiary bodies of the city and are "public bodies" as defined by the FOIA). The City of Chicago Department of Law may maintain records responsive to your request.

If you require additional assistance, feel free to contact this office.

You have the right to have a denial reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, 500 S. Second St., Springfield, IL 62706, (877)299-3642. You also have the right to seek judicial review of your denial by filing a lawsuit in the Cook County Circuit Court.

Sincerely,

Cindy Lynch  
Freedom of Information Act Officer  
City of Chicago Department of Police



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February 28, 2018

Andrea Salcedo  
Sent Via Email: [salcedonews@gmail.com](mailto:salcedonews@gmail.com)

**RE: NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST**  
**FOIA FILE NUMBER: P440662 & P440722**

Dear Ms. Salcedo:

On behalf of the Chicago Police Department (CPD) this letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") requests received by our office on February 13, 2018. After an extension notice and our telephone conversation providing clarifying information, CPD is now responding to your requests seeking:

REQUESTER			
PRINT NAME (LAST - FIRST - M.I.) <b>Salcedo Andrea P</b>	SIGNATURE [REDACTED]	TELEPHONE NO. [REDACTED]	
STREET ADDRESS [REDACTED]	CITY Chicago	STATE Illinois	ZIP CODE 606[REDACTED]
DESCRIBE RECORD SOUGHT Police reports filed by women Uber and Lyft drivers in the Chicagoland area from 2012-2017 in which they denounce a passenger or passengers who washware making inappropriate comments, attempted to and/or touched the driver, attempted to engage and/or engaged in a violent act (assault or battery) against the driver or any reports in which an Uber/Lyft women driver denounced a passenger/s because she felt unsafe/uncomfortable with their behavior in/out the car			

REQUESTER			
PRINT NAME (LAST - FIRST - M.I.) <b>Salcedo Andrea P</b>	SIGNATURE [REDACTED]	TELEPHONE NO. [REDACTED]	
STREET ADDRESS [REDACTED]	CITY Chicago	STATE Illinois	ZIP CODE 606[REDACTED]
DESCRIBE RECORD SOUGHT Police reports filed by women against male Uber/Lyft drivers in the Chicagoland area from 2012-2017 in which they accuse the driver of inappropriate comments, touching, assault, battery, sexual violence, and/or sexual harassment/abuse during their Uber/Lyft rides.			

Your requests were reviewed by the undersigned in conjunction with the Department's Research and Development Division. Our February 14<sup>th</sup> telephone conversation seeking clarification of your request revealed that you are seeking statistics and not actual "police reports". CPD's search for responsive crime statistics yielded negative results. CPD created location code 310 - Vehicle - Other Ridesharing Services in January of 2018 which does not allow for meaningful statistical reporting.

As CPD does not track Uber/Lyft as a location code, searching five years of crime data for "Uber" and "Lyft" in the narrative would pose as an unduly burdensome request. Given the scope of your request, writing code to search millions of lines of data would be unduly burdensome as written. FOIA provides in 5 ILCS 140/3(g) that "*requests for all records falling within a category shall be complied with unless compliance with the request would be unduly*

*burdensome for the complying public body and there is no way to narrow the request and the burden on the public body outweighs the public interest in the information".*

Additionally, the multiple content of your request, as submitted, for drivers as both offenders and victims, includes items such as "denounce", "inappropriate comments" and "attempted touching" "sexual harassment/abuse" that are not included in CPD's Incident Reporting Guide. Lengthy queries that are unclear, that are itemized in multiplicity or written in language subject to professional legal interpretation will require clarification and/or individual requests. CPD FOIA agents make every attempt to process each individual "open record request" as "verbatim/written by face" and are not encouraged to interpret and concisely format multiple items into one general "open record" request, as this may not satisfy the requester's original parameter of information sought from that request.

Finally, there are two places online that you can search for crime data, as follows: 1) the City of Chicago's Data Portal at <https://data.cityofchicago.org/> and select the Public Safety tab, and 2) CPD's official website selecting the Online Services Tab and then Crime Statistics <https://home.chicagopolice.org/online-services/crime-statistics/>

At this time your request, as currently written, has been interpreted as unduly burdensome. It should be emphasized that the Act neither requires nor allows CPD to speculate as to the details of any request; this information can only be provided by the petitioner. Pursuant to section 3(g) of FOIA, we would like to extend to you an opportunity to modify your request to make it more manageable. Unless and until a new FOIA request is submitted that specifies what records you are seeking, CPD will be unable to process your petition. CPD encourages you to review your request to ascertain the details of your query, such as relevant dates and parties. Once this is determined, a new FOIA request referencing FOIA File Numbers P440662 and P440722 can be submitted to CPD, specifying the records you would like CPD to provide.

You have the right to a review under 5 ILCS 140-9.5(a) by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, 500 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706, Phone: (877) 299-3642, Fax: 217-782-1396, E-mail: [publicaccess@atg.state.il.us](mailto:publicaccess@atg.state.il.us). A Request for Review must be filed within 60 calendar days of the date of a denial letter, and include a copy of the original FOIA request and the denial letter. You may also seek judicial review of a denial under 5 ILCS 140/11 by filing a lawsuit in the State Circuit Court.

Sincerely,

*G. Rubenstein*, FOIA Officer

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Superintendent of Police

9 March 2018

Angela Caputo  
acaputo@apmreports

**RE: NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST**  
**FOIA FILE NO.: P440804**

Dear Ms. Caputo:

The Chicago Police Department (CPD) is in receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. In it, you request:

*"information contained in any databases, use of force reports, or similar records that document or are used to track each activation of a Taser...include, but do not limit your response to, any data fields that document: The date and time of activation; the case or incident number associated with the activation; the location of the incident; The name, rank and badge number of the officer who activated it; the model of the weapon; the number of Taser activations; the type of activation (warning arc, probes fired, drive-stun, etc.); duration of Taser exposure; number of discharges; location of Taser strike; reason for Taser use; was subject armed; was subject subdued; any injuries to the officer, any injuries to the subject; the race of the subject, the age of the subject; the name of the subject; other use of force involved; was Taser effective/ineffective; any narrative describing the nature of the incident"*

Your request was reviewed by the undersigned. Please note on February 15, 2018 an email was sent to your attention requesting clarification on time frame and date range for incident level data. To date, our office has not received a response from you. The lack of a response from with parameters and a time frame has greatly impeded our ability to locate responsive records.

In consultation with the Bureau of Detectives, Research and Development- Analysis Section and the Public Safety Information Technology Section of Information Services Division, the request lacked a timeframe and was deemed too voluminous and would exceed the reasonableness of the search, process, and categorization of the requested record for the time specified and allotted by FOIA guidelines. The FOIA provides in 5 ILCS 140/3(g) that requests for all records falling within a category shall be complied with unless compliance with the request would be unduly burdensome for the complying public body and there is no way to narrow the request and the burden on the public body outweighs the public interest in the information.

In order to properly address the scope of your request and determine whether responsive records exist, this matter was referred to the Education and Training Division to gain an understanding of the number of Taser pistols. There are approximately 2, 230 Taser Pistols assigned to sworn officers across 22 active police districts and other field locations. This number does not take into account the number of Tasers Pistols assigned to the Bureau of Patrol and its units.

Although your request does not have any date restrictions, we looked into the request and pulled the most recent Tactical Response Records from February 2018. Tactical Response Records within February 2018 alone generated approximately 384 results. Please be advised that each report ranges in length. Assuming each report was at a minimum 3 pages in length, this would result in 1,152 pages to review. Based on past requests, it would be reasonable to expect a trained FOIA officer to take at least two minutes to review one page of responsive documents. More than 1100 pages of responsive documentation would require at least 36 hours. These facts, paired with the short response time allowed by FOIA, make the task of identifying, collecting, and reviewing potentially responsive records in a timely manner unduly burdensome upon CPD. As a result, CPD has determined that compliance with your request is unduly burdensome and that CPD's burden to process your request outweighs the public's interest. Specific parameters regarding time frame and geographical location would allow for a more targeted search

At this time your request *as currently written* has been interpreted as unduly burdensome. It should be emphasized that the Act neither requires nor allows CPD to speculate as to the details of any request; this information can only be provided by the petitioner. Pursuant to section 3(g) of FOIA, we would like to extend to you an opportunity to modify your request to make it more manageable. Unless and until a new FOIA request is submitted that specifies what records you are seeking, CPD will be unable to process your petition. CPD encourages you to review your request to ascertain the details of your query, such as relevant dates or types of incidents. Once this is determined, a new FOIA request can be submitted to CPD, specifying the records you would like CPD to provide.

If I can be of further assistance, please contact me at the following address:

Chicago Police Department  
Attention: Freedom of Information  
Office of Legal Affairs, Unit 114  
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Chicago, IL 60653

You have the right to have a denial reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, 500 S. Second St., Springfield, IL 62706, (877)299-3642. You also have the right to seek judicial review of your denial by filing a lawsuit in the Cook county Circuit Court under 5 ILCS 140/11.

Sincerely,  
M. Acosta  
Freedom of Information Act Officer





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**Eddie T. Johnson**  
Superintendent of Police

March 9, 2018

Sam Stecklow  
Invisible Institute  
Sent via email: foia@invisibleinstitute.com

RE: Notice of response to FOIA request  
Request receipt date: February 26, 2018  
1<sup>st</sup> Extension letter sent: March 6, 2018  
FOIA file #: P441540

Dear Sam Stecklow:

The Chicago Police Department (CPD) is in receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request seeking the following:

This is a request under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. I request the following data for every arrest made since January 1, 2000:

- Event number
- RD number
- CB number
- Date

Your request was reviewed by the undersigned as well as the Research and Development Division. It was determined that in regards to the information you are requesting, the CPD cannot produce a responsive record to your request as written:

- The CPD cannot provide event numbers. The Office of Emergency Management and Communications (OEMC) maintains that data. Therefore, the CPD would refer you to OEMC for that portion of the request.
- The record division (RD) number is for an incident not an arrest which produces a central booking (CB) number. Therefore, the CPD cannot produce a responsive record to this portion of your request.
- For the reasons stated above, the CPD can only provide central booking (CB) numbers and the dates. However, there are approximately two million arrest records (CBs) dating back to the year 2000. The amount of time request is excessive and therefore providing this portion of the request is unduly burdensome.

In regards to the CB numbers and dates you mention in your request, producing that record is denied as it is unduly burdensome due to the excessive number of two million CB numbers to extract for the approximately 18 years as you are requesting information from the date January 1, 2000 to present. FOIA provides in 5 ILCS 140/3(g) that requests for all records falling within a category shall be complied with unless compliance with the request would be unduly burdensome for the complying public body and there is no way to narrow the request and the burden on the public body outweighs the public interest in the information.

Given the number of records and timeframe it is burdensome. These facts, paired with the short response time allowed by FOIA, make the task of identifying, collecting, and reviewing potentially responsive records in a timely manner unduly burdensome upon the CPD. As a result, the CPD has determined that compliance with your request is unduly burdensome and that CPD's burden to process your request outweighs the public's interest.

At this time, your portion of the request for CB numbers and dates, as currently written, has been interpreted as unduly burdensome. It should be emphasized that the Act neither requires nor allows CPD to speculate as to the details of any request; this information can only be provided by the petitioner/requester. Pursuant to section 3(g) of FOIA, we would like to extend to you an opportunity to modify your request to make it more manageable. Therefore, as your FOIA request is currently written, the dedication of staff and/or resources is unduly burdensome on the daily operations of the Department pursuant to section 5 ILCS 140/3(g) of the Act.

In regards to searching for event numbers, it is determined that the CPD does not maintain those records. Please note that each City department is a "public body" under Section 2 of FOIA, 5 ILCS 140/2(a). See *Duncan Publishing, Inc. v. City of Chicago*, 304 Ill. App. 3d 778, 784, 709 N.E.2d 1281, 1286 (1ST Dist. 1999) (Clearly, each of the individual departments are subsidiary bodies of the City and are "public bodies" as defined by the FOIA.) A FOIA request must be directed to the department that maintains the records you are seeking.

You may direct your request to the corresponding City Departments that maintain the records you seek. As a courtesy, you can visit the following City of Chicago webpage in an effort to help you identify what you seek:

Office of Emergency Management and Communications (OEMC)  
[www.cityofchicago.org/oemc](http://www.cityofchicago.org/oemc)

To the extent that you consider this a denial of your FOIA request, you have a right of review by the Illinois Attorney General's Public Access Counselor, who can be contacted at 500 S. Second St., Springfield, IL 62706. You may also seek judicial review of a denial under 5 ILCS 140/11 of FOIA.

If I can be of further assistance, you may contact me at (312) 745-5308, or via address below the undersigned.

Sincerely,



FOIA Officer Jimenez  
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February 23, 2018

**Via Email:**

[openrecords@protonmail.com](mailto:openrecords@protonmail.com)

**Re: NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST**  
**FOIA FILE NO.: P441348**

Dear [openrecords@protonmail.com](mailto:openrecords@protonmail.com),

This notice is in response to your request received by the Chicago Police Department for records and information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 ILCS 140 *et seq.*, for the following:

*"Thank you for your reply. I would like to work with you to narrow the scope of my request, and I would like to do so with better knowledge than I currently have of CPD's request tracking database.*

*You state in your letter that it would require a review of every request received to determine if video records were involved, allotting one minute per request in your review-time estimate. That surprises me, as I would expect that CPD's request log is (a) electronic, and (b) searchable. Is that not the case?*

*As part of my attempt to narrow my request, I request a complete and unedited copy of CPD's request log for 2017. I will use it to review the fields available for search and the type of content they contain.*

*Additionally, if CPD tracks the status of requests and their processing in a database separate from its request log, I request a copy of that tracking database as well (for 2017).*

*Finally, can you tell me if CPD logs the names of the files sent to requesters? (Either in all cases, or even in some.)*

*Thank you. I look forward to your reply."*

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Your request was reviewed by the undersigned. Given the scope of your request, processing such a request would be unduly burdensome as written. FOIA provides in 5 ILCS 140/3(g) that requests for all records falling within a category shall be complied with unless compliance with the request would be unduly burdensome for the complying public body and there is no way to narrow the request and the burden on the public body outweighs the public interest in the information. CPD received 12,583 FOIA requests in 2017. CPD maintains FOIA requests using a records management system, not a relational database or spreadsheet. To fulfill this request, CPD would have to individually examine each of the 12,583 FOIA requests to redact information for the protection of personal privacy. Please be advised, CPD does not release unredacted copies of FOIA logs and/or requests as these records often contain personal addresses, personal telephone numbers, personal email addresses, and other personal information that would clearly violate the personal privacy of other FOIA requesters. The public interest of this information is not great while the personal privacy interests are considerable; therefore, this information is exempt and protected from disclosure pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(b) and 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c) of the FOIA.

Section 7(1)(b) exempts from disclosure “[p]rivate information, unless disclosure is required by another provision of this Act, a State or federal law or a court order.” 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(b). The FOIA, in 5 ILCS 140/2(c-5), defines “private information” as follows:

“‘Private information’ means unique identifiers, including a person’s social security number, driver’s license number, employee identification number, biometric identifiers, personal financial information, passwords or other access codes, medical records, home or personal telephone numbers, and personal email addresses. Private information also includes home address and personal license plates, except as otherwise provided by law or when compiled without possibility of attribution to any person.”

Section 7(1) (c) exempts from inspection and copying the following:

“[P]ersonal information contained within public records, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy... ‘Unwarranted invasion of personal privacy’ means the disclosure of information is that highly personal or objectionable to reasonable person and in which the subject’s right to privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in obtaining the information.” *Id.*

Please be advised, because FOIA requests are maintained in a records management system, to fulfill your FOIA request, CPD would have to individually retrieve, examine, and redact each of the 12,583 FOIA requests received during 2017. Based on past requests, it would be reasonable to expect a trained FOIA officer to take at least two minutes to review and redact one page of responsive documents. Most FOIA requests are between 1 and 3 pages in length. Even assuming each FOIA request is only 1 page, the review of 12,583 FOIA requests would require at least 419 hours, which does not include the time it takes to retrieve and compile the responsive records, to the exclusion of all other tasks. These facts, paired with the short response time allowed by FOIA, make the task of collecting and reviewing responsive records in a timely manner unduly burdensome upon CPD. As a result, CPD has determined that compliance with your request is unduly burdensome and that CPD’s burden to process your request outweighs the

public's interest.

Please be advised, the FOIA does not require agencies to answer questions when responding to requests. It should also be emphasized that the Act neither requires nor allows CPD to speculate as to the details of any request; this information can only be provided by the petitioner.

Thank you for attempting to narrow your request, but CPD will now deem this FOIA request closed as the request is still unduly burdensome as it is written. Please be advised, CPD allows one attempt to narrow a FOIA request. Any future response will be treated as a new FOIA request.

You have the right to have a denial reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, 500 S. Second St., Springfield, IL 62706, (877)299-3642. You also have the right to seek judicial review of your denial by filing a lawsuit in the Cook county Circuit Court under 5 ILCS 140/11.

Sincerely,

A. Marlan  
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Office of Legal Affairs-FOIA Unit  
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March 2, 2018

Chaclyn Hunt  
The Invisible Institute

Sent Via Email: [REDACTED]@gmail.com

Re: **NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST**  
**FOIA FILE NO.: P441432**

Dear Ms. Hunt:

On behalf of the Chicago Police Department (CPD) this letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request received by our office on February 22, 2018. After an extension notice emailed on February 28, 2018, CPD is now timely responding to your request seeking:

*Please provide every Complaint Register for CPD officer Ernest Brown. This request is on behalf of the Invisible Institute*

Your request was reviewed by the undersigned in conjunction with the Department's Bureau of Internal Affairs. A search based on the parameters of your request yielded positive results for 37 Complaint Register (CR) Files. Given the scope of your request, processing a request for 37 CR files would be unduly burdensome as written. FOIA provides in 5 ILCS 140/3(g) that "requests for all records falling within a category shall be complied with unless compliance with the request would be unduly burdensome for the complying public body and there is no way to narrow the request and the burden on the public body outweighs the public interest in the information".

Many CR files are more than 100 pages in length, and the shortest are about 30 pages in length. If we assume each of the 37 CR files you are requesting is 30 pages long, on average, your request would amount to more than 1,000 pages of documents and would require a substantial number of hours in order to properly process your request. Even assuming that CPD could process the responsive documents based on the aforementioned search, this task represents an unduly burdensome request for action.

Based on past requests it would be reasonable to expect a trained FOIA officer to take, on average, three minutes to review one page of responsive documents, or roughly 50 hours of work for this request. More than 1,000 pages of responsive documentation, paired with the short response time allowed by FOIA, makes the task of identifying, redacting and reviewing potentially responsive records in a timely manner unduly burdensome upon CPD. As a result, CPD has determined that compliance with your request is unduly burdensome and that CPD's burden to process your request outweighs the public's interest.

At this time your request, as currently written, has been interpreted as unduly burdensome. It should be emphasized that the Act neither requires nor allows CPD to speculate as to the details of any request; this information can only be provided by the petitioner. Pursuant to section 3(g) of FOIA, we would like to extend to you an opportunity to modify your request to make it more manageable. Attached please find the three-page Complaint Register History for the listed officer. This record may help you to modify your request. Please note that

the officer's employee number has been redacted as private information pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(b) which exempts from disclosure "[p]rivate information, unless disclosure is required by another provision of this Act, a State or federal law or a court order."

Unless and until a new FOIA request is submitted that specifies what records you are seeking, CPD will be unable to process your petition. CPD encourages you to review your request to ascertain the details of your query, such as relevant dates and parties. Once this is determined, a new FOIA request can be submitted to CPD, specifying the records you would like CPD to provide.

You have the right to a review under 5 ILCS 140-9.5(a) by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, 500 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706, Phone: (877) 299-3642, Fax: 217-782-1396, E-mail: [publicaccess@atg.state.il.us](mailto:publicaccess@atg.state.il.us). A Request for Review must be filed within 60 calendar days of the date of a denial letter, and include a copy of the original FOIA request and the denial letter. You may also seek judicial review of a denial under 5 ILCS 140/11 by filing a lawsuit in the State Circuit Court.

Sincerely,

*G. Rubenstein*, FOIA Officer

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March 1, 2018

Alena Saunders  
Email: [asaund66.125604@mail.foia.org](mailto:asaund66.125604@mail.foia.org)

Re: **NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST**  
**FOIA FILE NO.: P441438**

Dear Alena Saunders:

This notice is in response to your request received by the Chicago Police Department Upon review by the undersigned, it was determined that you are seeking:

*"The Chicago Police Department's Non Disciplinary Intervention program (otherwise known as form number 62.215) dated from January 2007 to December 2017, including but not limited to formal written complaints and accusations of officer sexual misconduct, the procedural outcome of said complaints, and any other records that document allegations of officer misconduct. I prefer to receive records in the following format: 1) an excel spreadsheet 2) a PDF, or word processing file 3) any kind of electronic format 4) printed documents."*

Given the scope of your request, processing such a request would be unduly burdensome as written. FOIA provides in 5 ILCS 140/3(g) that requests for all records falling within a category shall be complied with unless compliance with the request would be unduly burdensome for the complying public body and there is no way to narrow the request and the burden on the public body outweighs the public interest in the information.

Providing all of the files you are requesting constitutes records pertaining to more than 500 pages of documents all of which require substantial collection, redaction, and review of documents. Even assuming that CPD could review and compile the responsive documents based on the aforementioned search, this task represents an unduly burdensome request for action.

At this time your request as currently written has been interpreted as unduly burdensome. It should be emphasized that the Act neither requires nor allows CPD to speculate as to the details of any request; this information can only be provided by the petitioner. Pursuant to section 3(g) of FOIA, we would like to extend to you an opportunity to modify your request to make it more manageable.

Unless and until a new FOIA request is submitted that specifies what records you are seeking, CPD will be unable to process your petition. CPD encourages you to review your request to ascertain the details of your query, such as relevant dates and parties. Once this is determined, a new FOIA request can be submitted to CPD, specifying the records you would like CPD to provide.

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If you require additional assistance, feel free to contact this office.

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Sincerely,



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09 March 2018

Jessica Kursman  
Jewish Voice for Peace  
637 S. Dearborn Street #3  
Chicago, Illinois 60605  
Sent Via Email: [REDACTED]@gmail.com

**Re: NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST**  
**FOIA File Number: P441541**

Dear Ms. Kursman:

This notice is in response to your request received by the Chicago Police Department for records and information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 ILCS 140 *et seq.* Upon review by the undersigned, it was determined that you are seeking:

*“[I]n the form of electronic documents, any internal emails and documents, on:*

- Internal memos and documents that include the words Israel and/or seminar and/or training.*
- Internal emails and documents that discuss trips by the Chicago Police Department personnel or affiliates to Israel.*
- Records that detail CPD expenses for Israeli trips, including but not limited to transportation costs, hotels, trainings, per diem, and/or paid leave for CPD personnel.*
- Records detailing non-profit and private sector contributions to the CPD to facilitate seminars, trips, or trainings with the Israeli government*
- Information on which CPD members went on trips, who the participants met with, participation of Chicago Police Department personnel or affiliates in seminars, conferences, trainings, exercises, and other activities*
- Internal documents and emails that contain information on Israeli military policing, surveillance, monitoring of social media, and crowd control tactics, including the use of rubber bullets, tear gas, and live fire.*
- Internal documents and emails on anything related to Palestine, Islam, Muslims, radical Islamist terrorism, Hamas, mosques, Antisemitism, Anti-Zionism, or similar topics.”*

Your request was reviewed by the undersigned. Your request was interpreted as a request for a universal search of CPD's records concerning the above from January 1, 2002 until Present Date. Given the scope of your request, processing such a request would be unduly burdensome as written. Pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/3(g), FOIA provides that requests for all records falling within a category shall be complied with unless compliance with the request would be unduly burdensome for the complying public body and there is no way to narrow the request and the burden on the public body outweighs the public interest in the information.



While you have provided a specific date to limit the temporal range of your request, CPD has no mechanism by which to limit a search for such documentation. In order to compile all documentation and records, CPD would need to search a range of emails, records, and documentation by CPD for an entire day. Given the number of officers and other employees, this represents an undue burden on the operations of this department.

Given the extraordinary number of records, both electronic and in paper format that might be responsive to this request, CPD has determined that compliance with your request is unduly burdensome and that CPD's burden to process your request outweighs the public's interest.

At this time your request as currently written has been interpreted as unduly burdensome. Pursuant to section 3(g) of FOIA, we would like to extend to you an opportunity to modify your request to make it more manageable. Until a new FOIA request is submitted that specifies what records you are seeking, CPD will be unable to process your petition. CPD encourages you to review your request to ascertain the details of your query. If there is a particular incident category in which you are interested, it may be possible to conduct a search based on these parameters. Once this is determined, a new FOIA request can be submitted to CPD, specifying the records you would like CPD to provide.

If you would like assistance in narrowing your request, please contact FOIA for assistance. If you require additional assistance, feel free to contact this office as well. If you agree to narrow your request, you must submit a revised written request to the address below:

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Office of Legal Affairs, Unit 114  
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Chicago, IL 60653

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Sincerely,

Kendra Berry  
Freedom of Information Officer





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19 March 2018

Robert G. 'Bob' Hanrahan  
Robert G. Hanrahan Investigations, LLC  
505 E. Illinois St., Lower Level  
Chicago, Illinois 60611  
Sent Via Email: [REDACTED]@rghinvestigations.com

**RE: NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST**  
**FOIA FILE NO.: P442840**

Dear Mr. Hanrahan:

The Chicago Police Department (CPD) is in receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. In it, you request:

*“any and all records, including but not limited to, any arrest reports, case reports, crime data, department directives, supplementary case reports, Police Reports, Fire Reports, Run Reports, Supplemental Reports, resident/neighborhood complaints, photographs, videos, and any other records in your possession and control relating to the following CPD Report Numbers: HY197990; HY240899; HY462510; HY500504; HZ221042; HZ548961; HZ551794; JA348606; JA357485; JA416013; and JA471375.”*

Your request was reviewed by the undersigned. In consultation with the Bureau of Detectives, Research and Development- Analysis Section and the Public Safety Information Technology Section of Information Services Division, the request lacked a timeframe and was deemed too voluminous and would exceed the reasonableness of the search, process, and categorization of the requested record for the time specified and allotted by FOIA guidelines. The FOIA provides in 5 ILCS 140/3(g) that requests for all records falling within a category shall be complied with unless compliance with the request would be unduly burdensome for the complying public body and there is no way to narrow the request and the burden on the public body outweighs the public interest in the information.

Notwithstanding the lack of a timeframe, the request further seeks generally “crime data, department directives, [and] neighborhood complaints...” Compliance with this portion of your request would require CPD to compile a voluminous number of records as defined by 5 ILCS 140/2(h)(ii). Furthermore, FOIA provides in 5 ILCS 140/3(g) that requests for all records falling within a category shall be complied with unless compliance with the request would be unduly burdensome for the complying public body and there is no way to narrow the request and the burden on the public body outweighs the public interest in the information.

At this time your request *as currently written* has been interpreted as unduly burdensome. It should be emphasized that the Act neither requires nor allows CPD to speculate as to the details of any request; this information can only be provided by the petitioner. Pursuant to section 3(g) of FOIA, we would like to extend to you an opportunity to modify your request to make it more manageable. Unless and until a new FOIA request is submitted that specifies what records you are seeking, CPD will be unable to process your petition. CPD encourages you to review your request to ascertain the details of your query, such as relevant dates or types of incidents. Once this is determined, a new FOIA request can be submitted to CPD, specifying the records you would like CPD to provide.

If I can be of further assistance, please contact me at the following address:

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You have the right to have a denial reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, 500 S. Second St., Springfield, IL 62706, (877)299-3642. You also have the right to seek judicial review of your denial by filing a lawsuit in the Cook county Circuit Court under 5 ILCS 140/11.

Sincerely,

Kendra Berry  
Freedom of Information Officer



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12 March 2018

Pat Bender  
[REDACTED]@benderbeatty.com

Re: NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST  
FOIA FILE NO.: P442604, P433438, and P433440

Dear Mr. Bender,

This notice is in response to your request received by the Chicago Police Department for records and information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 ILCS 140 et seq. Upon review by the undersigned, it was determined that you are seeking:

"I respectfully request for your public body to begin disclosing so that I may inspect, copy or purchase public records contained within each adult Arrest Report possessed by your public body as soon as practical but no later than 72 hours after the time of the arrests.

I believe section 2.15(a) of the general provisions (5ILCS140/) of the Freedom of Information Act supports my request.

Sec. 2.15. Arrest reports and criminal history records...

The 72-hour provision in this section provides for the quicker release of these documents than the normal FOIA timeline. I therefore respectfully request for your public body to begin disclosing these public arrest report records on a daily basis Monday – Friday or as soon as practical so that the records are disclosed within the required 72-hour time period.

Please let me know if you need daily request or if this request is sufficient to begin the disclosure process needed to provide transparency.

I request for your public body to disclose at least the following identifying information records contained within each recent adult arrest report. 1. Name; 2. Defendant Address (IE: Street #, Apartment # City, State and Zip Code) 3. Charge (s) 4. Age in years or year of birth 5. Arrest date/time..."

Your request was reviewed by the undersigned.

First, please be advised that this is a repeat request to which CPD has already responded in a letters dated 2 November 2017 and 6 November 2017 under FOIA P433244, P433438, and P433440.

As stated previously, FOIA is not a mechanism by which to obtain records the day or even 72 hours after they are created. Instead, the Illinois FOIA law clearly lays out a timeframe under which FOIA requests should be handled, and provides a series of exemptions that allow for certain records to be withheld and/or redacted.

Secondly, the web portal <https://publicsearch1.chicagopolice.org/> discloses arrest data.

Additionally, FOIA provides in 5 ILCS 140/3(g) that requests for all records falling within a category shall be complied with unless compliance with the request would be unduly burdensome for the complying public body and there is no way to narrow the request and the burden on the public body outweighs the public interest in the information.

Conducting a full review of such a voluminous number of records such as every adult arrest record possessed by CPD would take an overwhelming number of hours to complete. Because this poses an undue burden on the daily operations of the CPD pursuant to Section 3(g) of FOIA, your current request for emails based on the parameters provided will be denied.

Lastly, Section 7(1)(b) exempts from disclosure "[p]rivate information, unless disclosure is required by another provision of this Act, a State or federal law or a court order." 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(b). The FOIA, in 5 ILCS 140/2(c-5), defines "private information" as follows: "Private information" means unique identifiers, including a person's social security number, driver's license number, employee identification number, biometric identifiers, personal financial information, passwords or other access codes, medical records, home or personal telephone numbers, and personal email addresses. Private information also includes **home address** and personal license plates, except as otherwise provided by law or when compiled without possibility of attribution to any person."

Section 7(1)(c) exempts from inspection and copying the following: "[P]ersonal information contained within public records, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy... 'Unwarranted invasion of personal privacy' means the disclosure of information is that highly personal or objectionable to reasonable person and in which the subject's right to privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in obtaining the information." Id.

We urge you to continue to take advantage of The City of Chicago's web portal <https://publicsearch1.chicagopolice.org> as it discloses arrest data which you are able to inspect.

If I can be of further assistance, please contact me at the following address:

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In the event that responsive information has been exempted by CPD, such decisions may be reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, 500 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706, (877) 299-3642. You may also seek judicial review of a denial under 5 ILCS 140/11 by filing a lawsuit in the State Circuit Court.

Sincerely,

M. Acosta  
Freedom of Information Act Officer  
Department of Police



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March 15, 2018

Name: CJ Ciaramella

Email: [50322-21987084@requests.muckrock.com](mailto:50322-21987084@requests.muckrock.com)

Re: **NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST**  
**FOIA FILE NO.: P442668**

Dear CJ Ciaramella:

This notice is in response to your request received by the Chicago Police Department on March 8, 2018 for records and information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 ILCS 140 *et seq.* Upon review by the undersigned, it was determined that you are seeking:

*"All vehicle impound seizure reports filed by CPD officers between January 1, 2017 and December 1, 2017."*

Given the scope of your request, processing such a request would be unduly burdensome as written. FOIA provides in 5 ILCS 140/3(g) that requests for all records falling within a category shall be complied with unless compliance with the request would be unduly burdensome for the complying public body and there is no way to narrow the request and the burden on the public body outweighs the public interest in the information.

Providing all of the files you are requesting constitutes records pertaining to more than 500 pages all of which require substantial collection, redaction, and review of documents. Even assuming that CPD could review and compile the responsive documents based on the aforementioned search, this task represents an unduly burdensome request for action.

At this time your request as currently written has been interpreted as unduly burdensome. It should be emphasized that the Act neither requires nor allows CPD to speculate as to the details of any request; this information can only be provided by the petitioner. Pursuant to section 3(g) of FOIA, we would like to extend to you an opportunity to modify your request to make it more manageable.

Unless and until a new FOIA request is submitted that specifies what records you are seeking, CPD will be unable to process your petition. CPD encourages you to review your request to ascertain the details of your query, such as relevant dates and parties. Once this is determined, a new FOIA request can be submitted to CPD, specifying the records you would like CPD to provide.

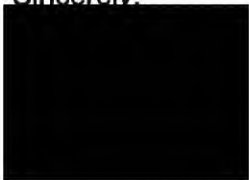
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Sincerely,



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March 20, 2018

Malachi Hoye  
[REDACTED]

**Re: NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST**  
**REQUEST DATE: March 15, 2018**  
**FOIA FILE NO.: P443135**

Dear Mr. Hoye:

The Chicago Police Department is in receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the following:

"This is an individual request under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5ILCS140/2.15) for Chicago Police Department ("CPD") records and communications pertaining to myself. Attached, please find an image of the front and back of my State I.D Card, or other picture identification, as I am requesting unredacted copies of all records pertaining to myself, subject to any redactions required by state and federal law.

### **Definitions**

Please note that in this request,

- a.) The term "records(s)" includes, but is not limited to, all records and/or communications preserved in electronic form (including metadata) and/or written form, including but not limited to correspondence, e-mails, documents, data, videotapes, audio tapes, photographs, faxes, files, guidance, guidelines, evaluations, instructions, analyses, memoranda, agreements, field notes, orders, policies, procedures, legal opinions, protocols, reports, rules, taking points, technical manuals. Technical specifications, training manuals, studies, print records, telephone records, electronic communications transcribed conversations, or any other record of any kind; and
- b.) The term "communication(s)" shall include documents and any oral statements made and/transmitted by any person in the forms of facts, ideas, inquiries or otherwise.

### **Documents Requested**

I am requesting all records and communications, including files, which mention or concern myself, the following information is intended to assist you in locating these records.

- My full name is : **Malachi Hoye**
- I have used the following alias: \_\_\_\_\_
- My date of birth is: [REDACTED]
- My place of birth is: **Chicago**
- My Social Security Number is: [REDACTED]



It is determined that your request for approximately thirty-six different types of records listed in the "Definition" that pertain to you; seeking "all records and/or communications preserved in electronic form (including metadata) and/or written form." Section 3(g) of FOIA provides that "requests for all records falling within a category shall be complied with unless compliance with the request would be unduly burdensome for the complying public body and there is no way to narrow the request and the burden on the public body outweighs the public interest in the information." ILCS 140/3(g). In order to comply with your request as written, this department would need to identify, procure and review an unknown quantity of records. Without more specific information from you on the time, date and type of incident as to which specific records you seek, such an endeavor would pose an undue burden on the operations of this department. As the Illinois Attorney General's Public Access Counselor has noted (see 2017 PAC 47756, issued June 20, 2017), Illinois courts have held, "[a] request to inspect or copy must reasonably identify a public record[.]" *Chicago Tribune Co. v. Dept. of Financial and Professional Regulation*, 2014 IL App (4th) 130427, par. 33. A FOIA request "reasonably describes records if 'the agency is able to determine precisely what records are being requested.'" *Kowalczyk v. Dept. of Justice*, 73 F.3d 386, 388 (D.C. Cir. 1996) (quoting *Yeager v. Drug Enforcement Admin.*, 678 F.2d 315, 326 (D.C. Cir. 1982)).

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It is necessary that your FOIA request be narrowed and clarified. If you would like assistance in narrowing your request, please contact me, and I will assist you. Also, to further assist you in narrowing your request the following link that provides a list describing the types of records the CPD maintains.

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Olivia Medina  
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March 20, 2018

DeVonte E. Snead  
Blocks Together

**Re: NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST**  
**REQUEST DATE: March 15, 2018**  
**FOIA FILE NO.: P443103**

Dear Mr. Snead:

The Chicago Police Department is in receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the following:

"This is an individual request under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5ILCS140/2.15) for Chicago Police Department ("CPD") records and communications pertaining to myself. Attached, please find an image of the front and back of my State I.D Card, or other picture identification, as I am requesting unredacted copies of all records pertaining to myself, subject to any redactions required by state and federal law.

#### **Definitions**

Please note that in this request,

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- b.) The term "communication(s)" shall include documents and any oral statements made and/transmitted by any person in the forms of facts, ideas, inquiries or otherwise.

#### **Documents Requested**

I am requesting all records and communications, including files, which mention or concern myself, the following information is intended to assist you in locating these records.

- My full name is : **DeVonte E. Snead**
- I have used the following alias: **No**
- My date of birth is: [REDACTED]
- My place of birth is: **Chicago**

- My Social Security Number is: [REDACTED]

It is determined that your request for approximately thirty-six different types of records listed in the "Definition" that pertain to you; seeking "all records and/or communications preserved in electronic form (including metadata) and/or written form." Section 3(g) of FOIA provides that "requests for all records falling within a category shall be complied with unless compliance with the request would be unduly burdensome for the complying public body and there is no way to narrow the request and the burden on the public body outweighs the public interest in the information." ILCS 140/3(g). In order to comply with your request as written, this department would need to identify, procure and review an unknown quantity of records. Without more specific information from you on the time, date and type of incident as to which specific records you seek, such an endeavor would pose an undue burden on the operations of this department. As the Illinois Attorney General's Public Access Counselor has noted (see 2017 PAC 47756, issued June 20, 2017), Illinois courts have held, "[a] request to inspect or copy must reasonably identify a public record[.]" *Chicago Tribune Co. v. Dept. of Financial and Professional Regulation*, 2014 IL App (4th) 130427, par. 33. A FOIA request "reasonably describes records if 'the agency is able to determine precisely what records are being requested.'" *Kowalczyk v. Dept. of Justice*, 73 F.3d 386, 388 (D.C. Cir. 1996) (quoting *Yeager v. Drug Enforcement Admin.*, 678 F.2d 315, 326 (D.C. Cir. 1982)).

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March 20, 2018

Ross Christopher Romero  
[REDACTED]

**Re: NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST**  
**REQUEST DATE: March 15, 2018**  
**FOIA FILE NO.: P443131**

Dear Mr. Romero:

The Chicago Police Department is in receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the following:

"This is an individual request under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5ILCS140/2.15) for Chicago Police Department ("CPD") records and communications pertaining to myself. Attached, please find an image of the front and back of my State I.D Card, or other picture identification, as I am requesting unredacted copies of all records pertaining to myself, subject to any redactions required by state and federal law.

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#### **Documents Requested**

I am requesting all records and communications, including files, which mention or concern myself, the following information is intended to assist you in locating these records.

- My full name is : **Ross Christopher Romero**
- I have used the following alias: [REDACTED]
- My date of birth is: [REDACTED]
- My place of birth is: **Chicago, IL**
- My Social Security Number is: [REDACTED]



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Olivia Medina  
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22 March 2018

Michael Dumke  
Mick.Dumke@propublica.org

**RE: NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST**  
**FOIA FILE NO.: P442655**

Dear Mr. Dumke:

The Chicago Police Department (CPD) is in receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request in which you request the following information:

*...copies of all emails to or from [REDACTED] and/or CPIC on January 20, 2017 and January 21, 2017, using one or more of the following terms: assembly, demonstration, protest, First Amendment, Trump, Trump Tower, or inauguration...*

All CPD emails were searched using the following search terms: *assembly, demonstration, protest, First Amendment, Trump, Trump Tower, or inauguration within the emails to and from [REDACTED] and/or CPIC on January 20, 2017 and January 21, 2017.*

Given the scope of your request, processing such a request would be unduly burdensome as written. The FOIA provides in 5 ILCS 140/3(g) that requests for all records falling within a category shall be complied with unless compliance with the request would be unduly burdensome for the complying public body and there is no way to narrow the request and the burden on the public body outweighs the public interest in the information.

Your request resulted in 4220 emails. Conducting a full review of such a voluminous number of records would take an overwhelming number of hours to complete. Many emails range between 2-10 pages in length. Assuming each email is only 2 pages in length, this would constitute more than 8440 pages of responsive documents which require substantial collection, redaction, and review. Even assuming that CPD could review and compile the responsive documents based on the aforementioned search, this task represents an unduly burdensome request for action.

Based on past requests, it would be reasonable to expect a trained FOIA officer to take at least two minutes to review one page of responsive documents. Therefore, 8440 pages of responsive records, would take over 280 hours to complete. Because this poses an undue burden on the daily operations of the CPD pursuant to Section 3(g) of FOIA, your current request for emails based on the parameters provided will be denied.

Additionally, in 2013 PAC 23430 the Public Access Bureau asserted that "more than 1000 emails that fall within the general category of records" would be considered "unduly burdensome". "Not only would the City be forced to conduct a search for the e-mails, it would also have to review each e-mail to determine if it falls within the category of section 7(1)(p) or any other particular exemption deemed to fit". It concluded that "there is also no identifiable public interest that outweighs the burden that would be placed on the City in producing the records."

It is necessary that your FOIA request be narrowed and clarified. If you would like assistance in narrowing your request, please contact me, and I will assist you. Otherwise, for the reasons provided above, CPD is unable to respond to your FOIA request as currently drafted.

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If you agree to narrow your request, you must submit a revised written request to my attention. CPD will take no further action or send you any further correspondence unless and until the current request is narrowed in writing. If we do not receive your narrowed request within fourteen calendar days of the date of this letter, your current request will be denied.

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Sincerely,

M. Acosta  
Freedom of Information Act Officer  
Department of Police



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Eddie T. Johnson  
Superintendent of Police

March 20, 2018

Naomi LaChance



Re: **NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST**  
**FOIA FILE NO.: P442525**

Dear Ms. LaChance:

This notice is in response to your request received by the Chicago Police Department for records and information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 ILCS 140 *et seq*, for the following:

*"Any and all records pertaining to unauthorized homeless encampments in Chicago. Keywords may include but are not limited to "hostile architecture," bike racks, benches, spikes, cleanup crews, bollard, grates, and 311 requests... From the past six months."*

Given the scope of your request, processing such a request would be unduly burdensome as written. Section 3(g) of FOIA provides that "requests for all records falling within a category shall be complied with unless compliance with the request would be unduly burdensome for the complying public body and there is no way to narrow the request and the burden on the public body outweighs the public interest in the information." 5 ILCS 140/3(g).

In order to comply with your request as written, this department would need to identify, procure and review an unknown quantity of records. Without direction from you as to which specific records you seek, such an endeavor would pose an undue burden on the operations of this department. As the Illinois Attorney General's Public Access Counselor has noted (see 2017 PAC 47756, issued June 20, 2017), Illinois courts have held, "[a] request to inspect or copy must reasonably identify a public record[.]" *Chicago Tribune Co. v. Dept. of Financial and Professional Regulation*, 2014 IL App (4th) 130427, par. 33. A FOIA request "reasonably describes records if 'the agency is able to determine precisely what records are being requested.'" *Kowalczyk v. Dept. of Justice*, 73 F.3d 386, 388 (D.C. Cir. 1996) (quoting *Yeager v. Drug Enforcement Admin.*, 678 F.2d 315, 326 (D.C. Cir. 1982)).

It should be emphasized that the Act neither requires nor allows CPD to speculate as to the details of any request; this information can only be provided by the petitioner. Given the extraordinary number of records, both electronic and in paper format that might be responsive to this request, CPD has determined that compliance with your request is unduly burdensome and that CPD's burden to process your request outweighs the public's interest.

At this time your request *as currently written* has been interpreted as unduly burdensome. Pursuant to section 3(g) of FOIA, we would like to extend to you an opportunity to modify your request to make it more manageable. Unless and until a new FOIA request is submitted that specifies what records you are seeking, CPD will be unable to process your petition. CPD encourages you to review your request to ascertain the details of your query. Once this is determined, a new FOIA request can be submitted to CPD, specifying the records you would like CPD to provide.

Moreover, CPD does not maintain or create records concerning "311 requests, bollards, [or] cleanup crews." It has been determined that if any responsive records exist, those records would be maintained by the Office of Emergency Management and Communications (OEMC).

Please note that each City Department is a separate "Public Body" pursuant to Section 2 of FOIA, 5 ILCS 140/2(a). See *Duncan Publishing Inc. v. City of Chicago*, 304 Ill.App.3d 778, 784, 709 N.E. 2d 1281, 1282, 1286 (1st Dist 1999). A FOIA request must be directed to the department that maintains the records you are seeking.

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Sincerely,

Kendra Berry  
Freedom of Information Act Officer





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**Eddie T. Johnson**  
Superintendent of Police

March 9, 2018

**Via Email:**

Finn Clarkson

[REDACTED]@gmail.com

**Re: NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST  
FOIA FILE NO.: P442138**

Dear [REDACTED]

This notice is in response to your request received by the Chicago Police Department for records and information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 ILCS 140 *et seq.*, for the following:

*"All Outlook calendar data (including attachments) found in all email accounts associated with former Chief Eugene Williams for the months of June, July, and August of 2015."*

Your request was reviewed by the undersigned. Given the scope of your request, processing such a request would be unduly burdensome as written. FOIA provides in 5 ILCS 140/3(g) that requests for all records falling within a category shall be complied with unless compliance with the request would be unduly burdensome for the complying public body and there is no way to narrow the request and the burden on the public body outweighs the public interest in the information.

Your request resulted in 12,312 emails. Providing all of the files you are requesting involves the individual examination of 12,312 emails. Even assuming each of those files numbered only one page in length, the review of 12,312 pages of responsive documents would require substantial collection, redaction, and review of documents. Even assuming that CPD could review and compile the responsive documents based on the aforementioned search, this task represents an unduly burdensome request for action.

Based on past requests, it would be reasonable to expect a trained FOIA officer to take at least two minutes to review one page of responsive documents. More than 12,312 pages of responsive documentation would require at least 410 hours to review, which is not inclusive of the time necessary to retrieve the documents, to the exclusion of all other tasks. These facts, paired with the short response time allowed by FOIA, make the task of identifying, collecting, and reviewing potentially responsive records in a timely manner unduly burdensome upon CPD. As a result, CPD has determined that compliance with your request is unduly burdensome and that CPD's burden to process your request outweighs the public's interest.

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At this time your request *as currently written* has been interpreted as unduly burdensome. It should be emphasized that the Act neither requires nor allows CPD to speculate as to the details of any request; this information can only be provided by the petitioner. Pursuant to section 3(g) of FOIA, we extended to you an opportunity to modify your request to make it more manageable on March 6, 2018, of which CPD did not receive a response. Unless and until a new FOIA request is submitted that specifies and defines the search terms of the query, CPD will be unable to process your petition. Once this is determined, a new FOIA request can be submitted to CPD.

If you require additional assistance, feel free to contact this office.

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Sincerely,

A. Marlan  
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April 12, 2018

Mr. Lawrence Coleman  
# R01069  
Dixon Correction Center  
2600 North Brinton Avenue  
Dixon, IL 61021

Re: NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST  
REQUEST DATE: March 2, 2018  
FOIA FILE NO.: P442128

Dear Mr. Lawrence Coleman:

The Chicago Police Department (CPD) is in receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request seeking:

*Complaint Registers: Det. Lawrence Lynch #21097 and Det. Phillip Graziand #21164.*

Your request was reviewed by the undersigned as well as the Bureau of Internal Affairs (BIA). In response to your FOIA request, a search by BIA identified 66 total CR Numbers against Det. Lawrence Lynch #21097 and Det. Phillip Graziand #21164. It is determined that your request is denied.

Given the broad parameters of your request, processing such a search would be unduly burdensome as written. FOIA provides in 5 ILCS 140/3(g) that requests for all records falling within a category shall be complied with unless compliance with the request would be unduly burdensome for the complying public body and there is no way to narrow the request and the burden on the public body outweighs the public interest in the information.

In order to properly address the scope of your request we have provided the Employee Complaint History of the Complaint Register (CR) investigations for Det. Lawrence Lynch #21097 and Det. Phillip Graziand #21164 from Bureau of Internal Affairs (BIA). BIA returned this four page CR History pages as redacted to assist you in "further narrowing" your request.

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CPD could review and compile the responsive documents based on the aforementioned search, this task would take an experienced FOIA Officers over sixteen (16) days to complete.

FOIA Civilian hours include seven (7) working hours per day at 60 minutes per hour or 420 minutes per day X five (5) days or 2,100 hours per week. The complaint log number results at 66 CR log numbers at 25 pages per log total 1,650 total pages. The calculation for the "total days" is presented as follows:

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Reviewing all responsive documents in the aggregate would consequently require well in excess of 50 hours to complete such a demanding task. The short response time allowed by FOIA makes the task of identifying, collecting, and reviewing potentially responsive records in a timely manner unduly burdensome upon CPD. As a result, CPD has determined that compliance with your request is unduly burdensome and that CPD's burden to process your request outweighs the public's interest.

In light of the sheer volume of responsive documentation, it has been determined that your request requires further information. It should be emphasized that the Act neither requires nor allows CPD to speculate as to the details of any request; this information can only be provided by the petitioner. Pursuant to section 3(g) of FOIA, we would like to extend to you an opportunity to modify your request to make it more manageable. Unless and until a new FOIA request is submitted that specifies what records you are seeking, CPD will be unable to process your petition. CPD encourages you to review your request to ascertain the details of your query, such as relevant dates and parties.

CPD encourages you to "further narrow" your search from the provided 4-page Employee Complaint History summary pages. Once this is determined, a new FOIA request can be submitted to CPD, specifying the records you would like CPD to provide.

Private and personal information such as employee identification numbers are exempt and have been properly redacted from the attached documents pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(b), which exempts "private information," which is defined in 5 ILCS 140/2(c-5) as:

Unique identifiers, including a person's social security number, driver's license number, employee identification number, biometric identifiers, personal financial information, passwords or other access codes, medical records, home or personal telephone numbers, and personal email addresses. Private information also includes home address and personal license plates, except as otherwise provided by law or when compiled without possibility of attribution to any person. 5 ILCS 140/2(c-5).

Any CPD personnel unique identifiers like employee identification numbers are private information contained in the 4-page Employee Complaint History pages have been properly redacted pursuant to Section 7(1)(b).

If I can be of further assistance, you may contact me at (312) 745-5308, or by mail at the following address:

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To the extent that you consider this a denial of your FOIA request, you have a right of review by the Illinois Attorney General's Public Access Counselor, who can be contacted at 500 S. Second St., Springfield, IL 62706 or by telephone at (217)558-0486. You may also seek judicial review of a denial under 5 ILCS 140/11 of FOIA.

Sincerely,

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**Eddie T. Johnson**  
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March 20, 2018

Stevie Smith  
[REDACTED]

**Re: NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST**  
**REQUEST DATE: March 15, 2018**  
**FOIA FILE NO.: P443105**

Dear Mr. Smith:

The Chicago Police Department is in receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the following:

"This is an individual request under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5ILCS140/2.15) for Chicago Police Department ("CPD") records and communications pertaining to myself. Attached, please find an image of the front and back of my State I.D Card, or other picture identification, as I am requesting unredacted copies of all records pertaining to myself, subject to any redactions required by state and federal law.

### **Definitions**

Please note that in this request,

- a.) The term "records(s)" includes, but is not limited to, all records and/or communications preserved in electronic form (including metadata) and/or written form, including but not limited to correspondence, e-mails, documents, data, videotapes, audio tapes, photographs, faxes, files, guidance, guidelines, evaluations, instructions, analyses, memoranda, agreements, field notes, orders, policies, procedures, legal opinions, protocols, reports, rules, taking points, technical manuals. Technical specifications, training manuals, studies, print records, telephone records, electronic communications transcribed conversations, or any other record of any kind; and
- b.) The term "communication(s)" shall include documents and any oral statements made and/transmitted by any person in the forms of facts, ideas, inquiries or otherwise.

### **Documents Requested**

I am requesting all records and communications, including files, which mention or concern myself, the following information is intended to assist you in locating these records.

- My full name is : **Stevie Smith**
- I have used the following alias: [REDACTED]
- My date of birth is: [REDACTED]
- My place of birth is: **Chicago, IL**
- My Social Security Number is: [REDACTED]



It is determined that your request for approximately thirty-six different types of records listed in the "Definition" that pertain to you; seeking "all records and/or communications preserved in electronic form (including metadata) and/or written form." Section 3(g) of FOIA provides that "requests for all records falling within a category shall be complied with unless compliance with the request would be unduly burdensome for the complying public body and there is no way to narrow the request and the burden on the public body outweighs the public interest in the information." ILCS 140/3(g). In order to comply with your request as written, this department would need to identify, procure and review an unknown quantity of records. Without more specific information from you on the time, date and type of incident as to which specific records you seek, such an endeavor would pose an undue burden on the operations of this department. As the Illinois Attorney General's Public Access Counselor has noted (see 2017 PAC 47756, issued June 20, 2017), Illinois courts have held, "[a] request to inspect or copy must reasonably identify a public record[.]" *Chicago Tribune Co. v. Dept. of Financial and Professional Regulation*, 2014 IL App (4th) 130427, par. 33. A FOIA request "reasonably describes records if 'the agency is able to determine precisely what records are being requested.'" *Kowalczyk v. Dept. of Justice*, 73 F.3d 386, 388 (D.C. Cir. 1996) (quoting *Yeager v. Drug Enforcement Admin.*, 678 F.2d 315, 326 (D.C. Cir. 1982)).

In addition, your request seeks emails. Please be advised that this portion of your request is also unduly burdensome. In order to effectively run an email search, the Chicago Police Department needs the following search parameters: (1) *the e-mail address(es) or employee name(s) of the account(s) you wish searched*; (2) *key words you wish to search for*; and (3) *the timeframe to be searched*. Without search parameters, the Chicago Police Department would need to review all department emails to determine whether any are responsive to your request. Such an undertaking would pose an immense burden on the department.

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Otherwise, for the reasons provided above, the Chicago Police Department is unable to respond to your FOIA request as currently drafted.

If you agree to narrow your request, you must submit a revised written request and identify with the above FOIA File number. The Chicago Police Department will take no further action or send you any further correspondence unless and until your current request is narrowed in writing. If we do not receive your narrowed request within fourteen (14) calendar days of the date of this letter, your current request will be denied.

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Olivia Medina  
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April 12, 2018

Mr. Lawrence Coleman  
# R01069  
Dixon Correction Center  
2600 North Brinton Avenue  
Dixon, IL 61021

Re: NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST  
REQUEST DATE: March 2, 2018  
FOIA FILE NO.: P442128

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March 20, 2018

Devante Gant  
[REDACTED]

**Re: NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST**  
**REQUEST DATE: March 15, 2018**  
**FOIA FILE NO.: P443102**

Dear Mr. Gant:

The Chicago Police Department is in receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the following:

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- I have used the following alias: **No**
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- My Social Security Number is [REDACTED]

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